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Financial handling equals politics

No second slate announced

By Julie Murphy
Staff Reporter

No doubt, the village's handling of finances will be at the center of the political arena that will decide the election next spring for mayor and three trustee slots within the Village of Antioch.

On the one side, the Mayor Taso Maravelas and Trustee Bob Caulfield, as well as their supporters, feel no stone should be left unturned until

the \$3 million discrepancy in the books has been rectified. On the other, Trustee Dorothy Larson, running for mayor, under CAP (Citizens for Antioch Party), as well as their supporters, feel the mayor and Caulfield should quit throwing stones at "ghosts of the past" until such time, if there is such a time, that financial director Trisha Steele says a look further back is warranted.

While Caulfield is quick to criticize that reports have been one-sided, neither he nor the mayor have

presented any new information about the situation since announcing a report was completed and ready for audit last month. Additionally, neither Caulfield nor the mayor have returned phone calls or replied to emailed questions for several months running.

Information that has remained the same since the beginning of the year is that reported by the accounting firm Manning, Silverman and

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Martini runs on experience

By Julie Murphy
Staff Reporter

Ask incumbent candidate Judy Martini (R-Antioch), who has been in office since 1994, why she is best suited to retain her position as Lake County board representative for District 1 and her answer is short: experience.

"I believe what distinguishes myself over my opponent is my experience and knowledge of county issues. As far as I know my opponent has never attended a county board meeting or has given any type of input on any local or county issue, other than RV parks which he owned one at the time," she said.

A lifelong resident of Illinois, 30 of those years within the district she represents, Martini said her "can-do" attitude coupled with her belief that "anything is possible if one tries hard enough" has made her successful.

Though she said she first registered and voted as a democrat, she said she "saw the light," joined the Republican Party and has

remained. She said she had been inspired to run for her first term as representative because she felt her predecessor was ineffective.

"The single event that prompted me to run for office is when there was a problem in our subdivision and the elected officials said there was nothing they could do to help us," she said. "I ran for office and fixed the problem for the subdivision."

Martini said she believes the three most important issues for District 1 are roads, growth and environmental concerns.

Of roads, she said, "We need to find some type of funding mechanism so we can improve our state roads since the state has little money to address them."

To environmental concerns, Martini said the purchase of natural resources (by the Forest Preserve District) is one of the best ways to protect them. She said, "We have to have a balance between development and preservation."

She said controlling growth is also key to balance.

"We need to work with our sur-

rounding municipalities to make sure that growth is planned, controlled and has a positive impact on our communities, our economy and our schools," she said. "We are currently in the process of coming up with a model impact fee ordinance for the County to make sure that developers pay their share so that it does not burden the tax payers. The state needs to look at alternative ways of financing education."

Martini said another important issue to her is the continuation of a one-stop permitting process.

"Time is money when it comes to our residents," she said. "It should not take excessive lengths of time to get a permit. The Zucker report made 189 recommendations of ways to improve our permitting process. Many of those recommendations have been adhered to already, but more needs to be done."

In addition to her service on the Lake County board, Martini has served on the Fox Waterway Agency.

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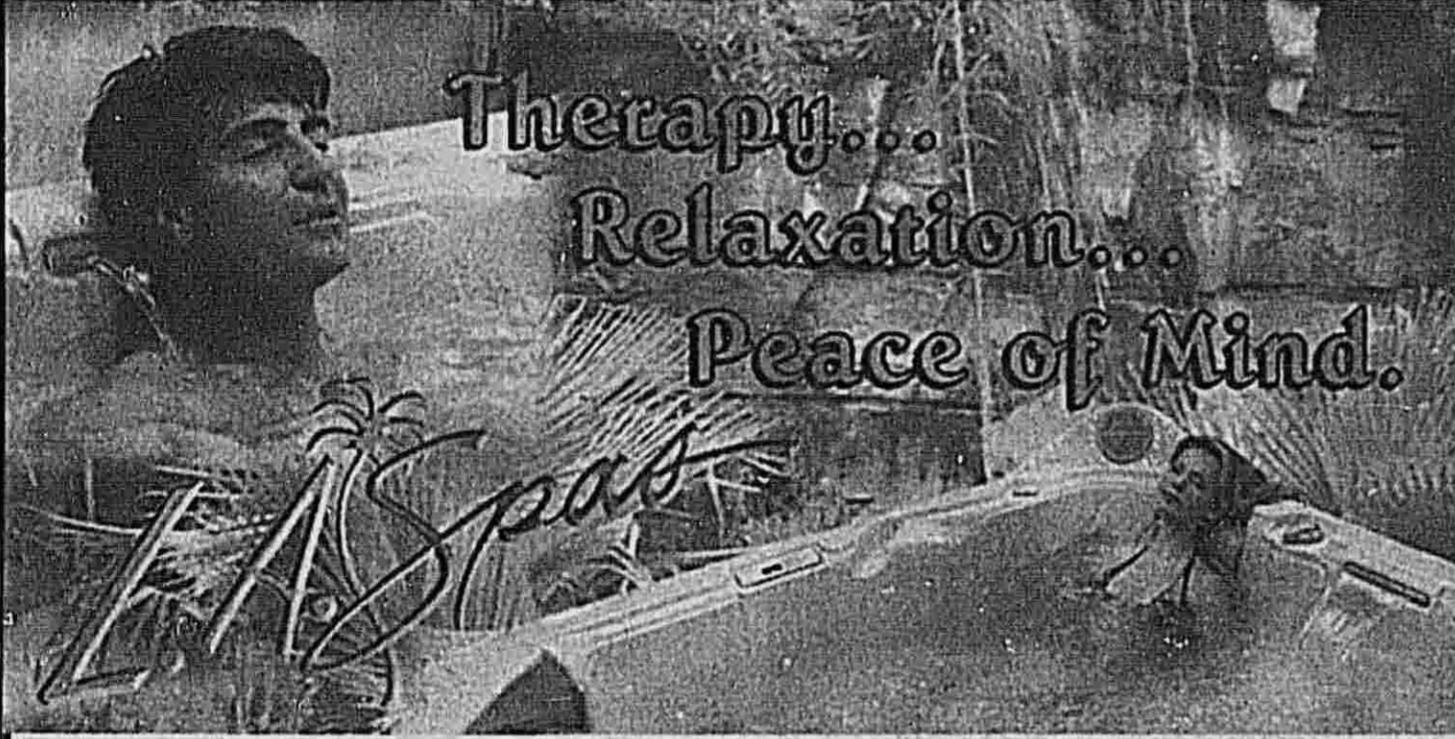
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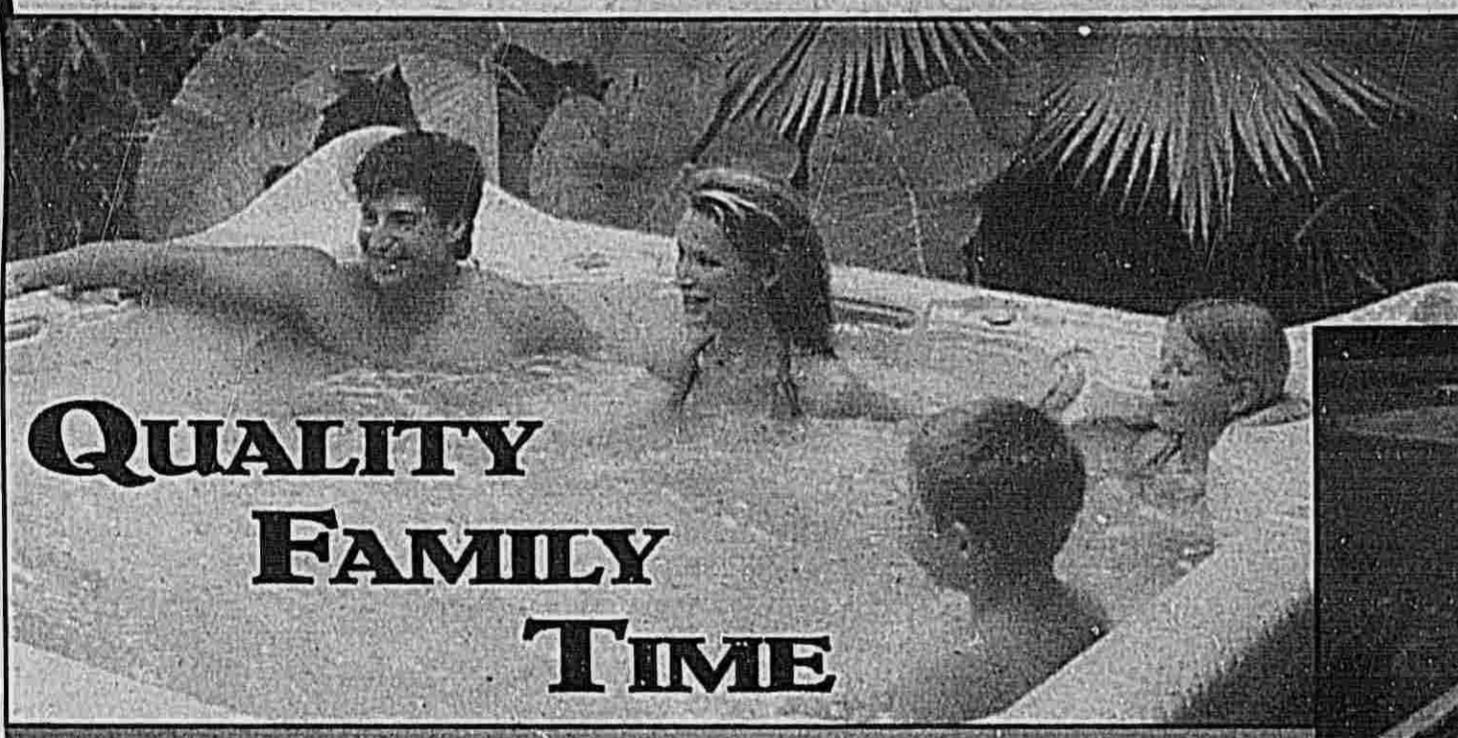
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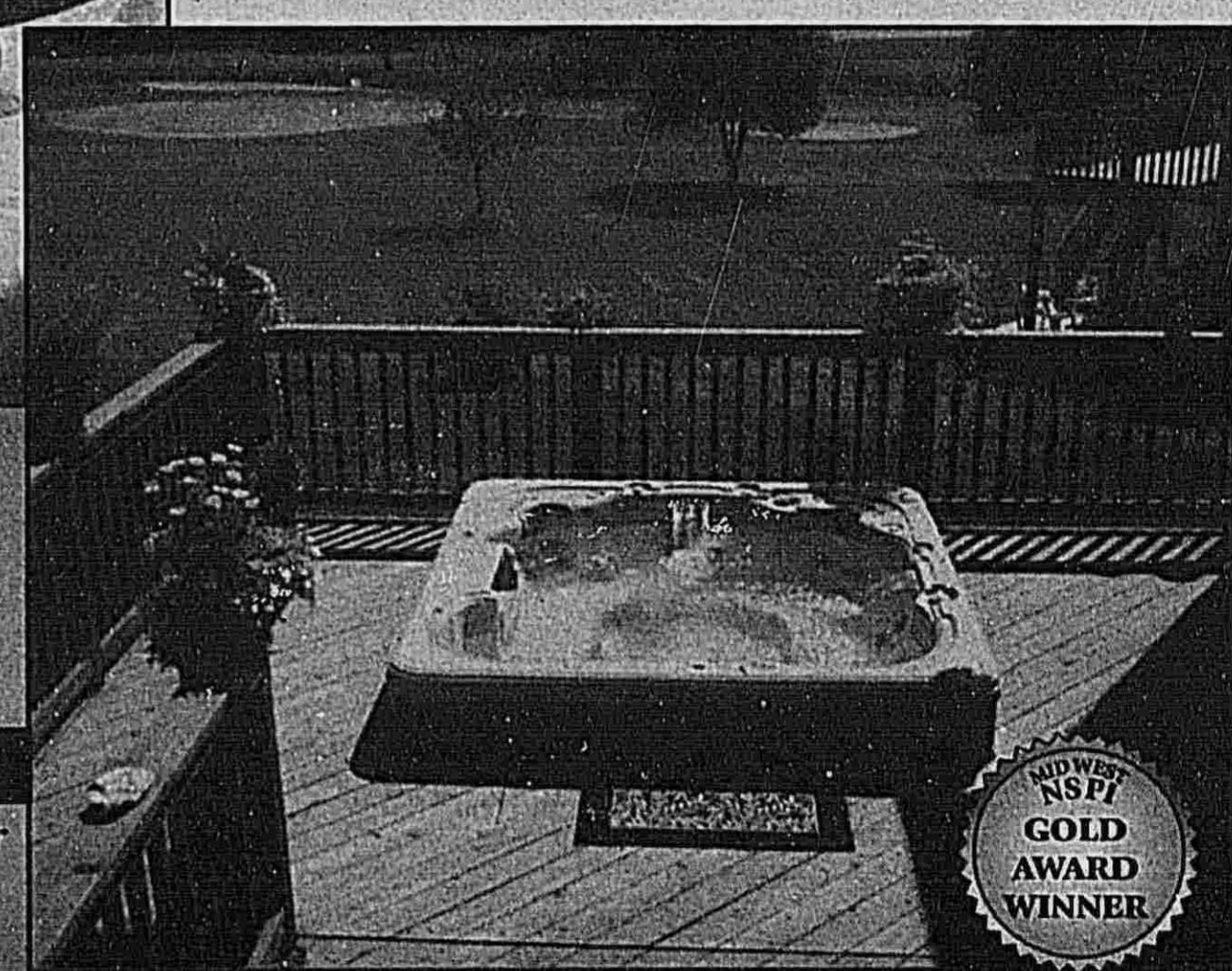
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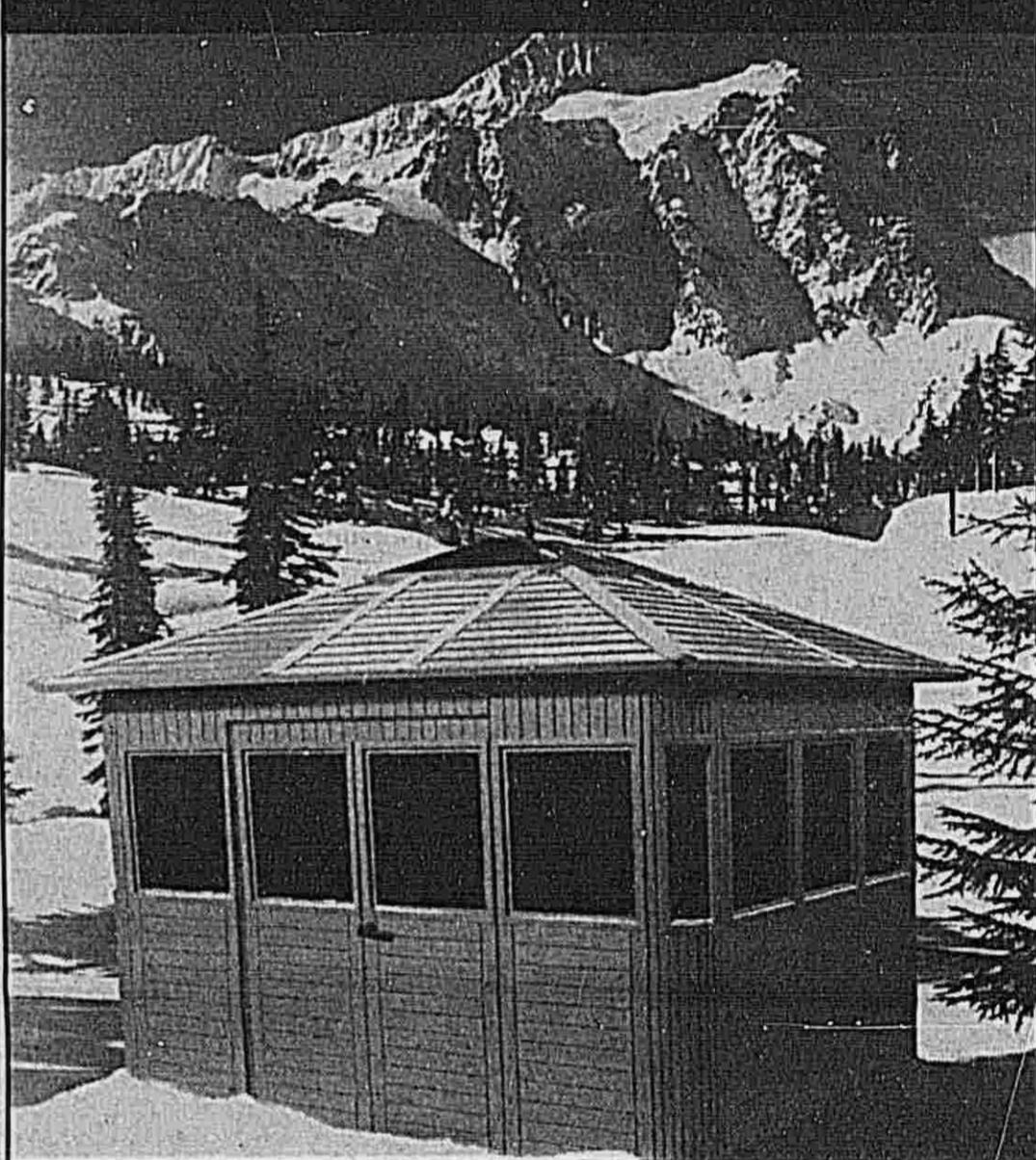
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Superintendent search hinges on profile

By Julie Murphy
Staff Reporter

Though the position of superintendent for Antioch Community Consolidated District 34 has already been advertised, the screening and interviewing process will be based on a profile created by the input of teachers, staff, parents and community members.

Few parents attended the open forum held by Darrell Dick and Don Gossett, of The Bickert Group hired to conduct the search, but that didn't concern the former interim superintendents of the district. Gossett said it was an indication that parents are satisfied.

Gossett said the Bickert Group is involved with recruitment as well as taking applications. He said the pool of potential candidates will be cut to 12-15 through a "paper review" and that he anticipates interviews will begin the weekend before Thanksgiving.

He said the "aggressive approach" to finding a replacement for John Hunt, who announced he would retire at the end of the school year, includes further reducing the number of candidates to a handful after initial interviews and getting board of education involvement at that point.

"We hope to have the new superintendent before the Christmas holidays," he said.

Strengths of the district were identified as family support, financial soundness and plentiful opportunities for the students both within the school day and after through extracurricular activities.

The main concern: the inevitable growth that will occur within the next five to 10 years.

Gossett said they were looking for a candidate that would be able to help the district through its impending growth.

"We're looking for a leader, someone who can develop relationships with all sorts of people, someone visible in the schools and communities," he said.

Dick said that has more new people come into the district, the focus on student performance and expectations will change. "It may be a challenge for people who cannot or don't want to pay higher taxes," he said.

With that in mind, Mary Turner, Village of Antioch trustee, said it would be important for either the new superintendent, or an assigned delegate, to attend the meetings of

'We're looking for a leader, someone who can develop relationships with all sorts of people, someone visible in the schools and communities.'

Don Gossett
The Bickert Group

planning and zoning as well as village board of the communities within the district.

"Sometimes schools are overlooked," she said. "There are communities looking to expand TIF (tax incremental funding) districts and that affects schools. It's not intentional, but there are so many things thrown at elected officials."

Dick said it is essential that a prospect for superintendent have a deep belief in the core values of education.

He said, "You have to like kids and you have to advocate for kids. It's important that we hear that conversation. If you don't like kids, you shouldn't be in this business. Of all the challenges, it is that piece that is most important. None of us would have jobs without the kids."

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Osmond receives 'Embrace Life' award

By Julie Murphy
Staff Reporter

Rep. JoAnn Osmond (R-Antioch) was one of five women honored by State Farm Life Insurance Company in its first Embrace Life Awards. The awards were given to women "who have inspired and persevered after the deaths of their spouses."

Osmond was selected by an independent from more than 250 nominations for her fight to see that the act she sponsored, the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Preparedness Act, was signed into law. The bill requires that auto external defibrillators be on location in fitness facilities that are operated by park districts, municipalities, schools and universities. Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the bill into law in August.

"I was so honored," Osmond said. "These stories (of the other four

recipients) were unbelievably fascinating. These women all moved on to do something positive, positive for the community."

As part of the award, State Farm gave each honoree \$5K.

Osmond said, "Because of my position, I of course couldn't take it. I had the check made payable to Tim's memorial fund so I can buy more defibrillators for the community."

JoAnn set up the Timothy H. Osmond Memorial Fund after Tim died of a heart attack in 2002. Since the fund's creation she has been able to purchase 40 defibrillators at a cost of \$1,700 each that have gone to the following: Emmons Grade School, Grass Lake Grade School, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Beach Park School, Our Lady of Humility, St. Peter School, Lake County Sheriff Marine Water Patrol, Round Lake School District, Memorial Methodist Church, West School, Northpointe Achievement Center, Arcadia

Ambulance Service, First Responders, Lakeland Baptist Church, Antioch Police Department (for squad cars), Grant High School Athletic Department, Antioch Upper Grade School, Avon Senior Center, Zion Police Department, \$1K donation to Waukegan PAD/AED Initiative, Northern Illinois Police Alarm System, Sheridan Health Care, Rolling Hills Manor, Terrace North Nursing Home, Antioch High School Football (will receive Oct. 8), PM&L Theatre, Northpointe Resource Center, Lake Villa Police Department and Antioch Youth Baseball.

"This was a wonderful 48 hours," JoAnn said. "The event was held at the Tavern on the Green in New York. Connie Payton, who is a wonderful person, was the guest speaker. It was really great."

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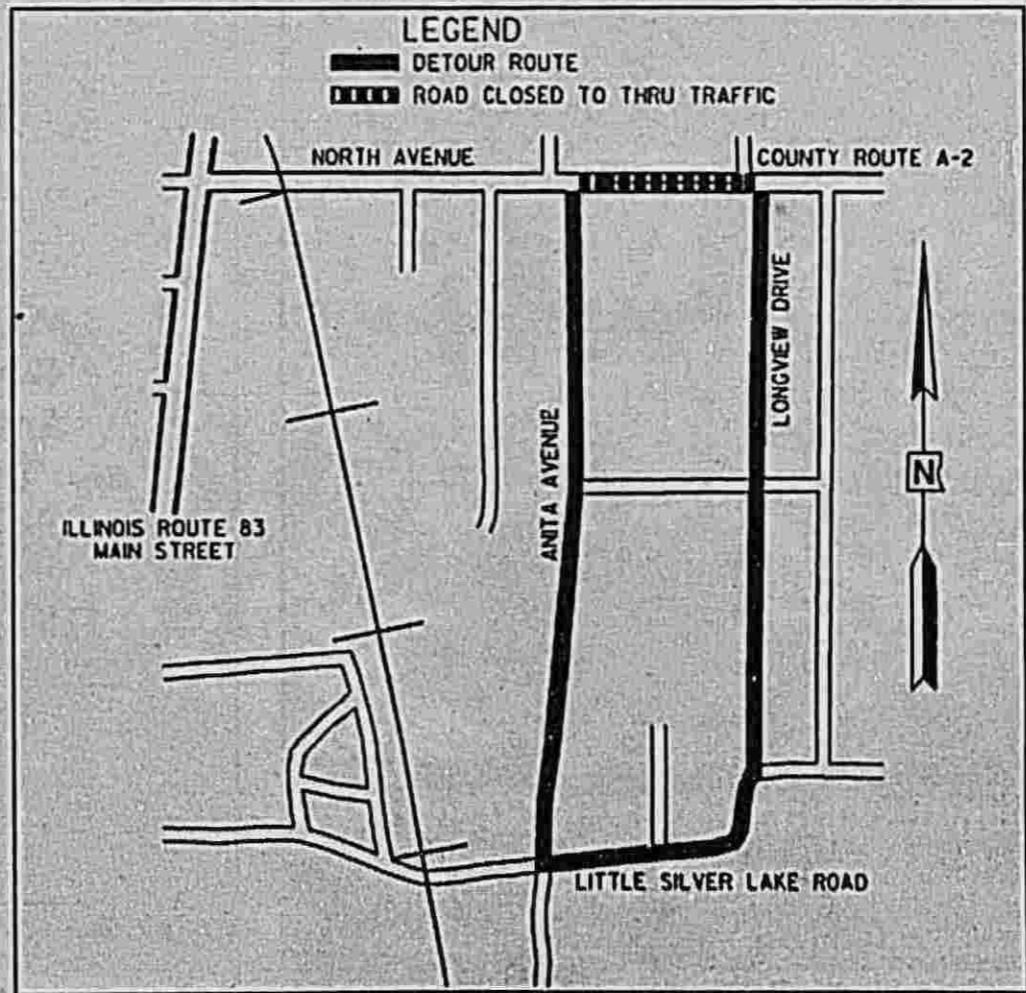
North Avenue closes 2 days

The Lake County Division of Transportation has given the Village of Antioch permission to close North Avenue for two days starting Wednesday Oct. 13. The road will be closed to through traffic from Anita Avenue to Longview Drive.

Residents within the closed area will have access to their homes during the closure.

Traffic will be detoured around the area using Anita Avenue, Little Silver Lake Road and Longview Drive. Signs will mark the detour route.

The road closure and detour are necessary to allow the Village of Antioch to complete its Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. The village will open cut North Avenue to lay a new sanitary sewer line.



DISPLAY BY DESIGN



Photo by John Dickson

Evelyn Miller of Antioch takes a closer look at a plant design on display as part of the Harvest Moon Autumn Celebration presented by The Antioch Garden Club.



OUR TOWN

Julie Murphy

Never too late to contribute

The ride may be over, but I doubt it's too late to make a contribution to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Sandy Norwood, owner of Hair Designs Unlimited, told me she would be participating in the organization's fund-raising cancer ride, and was hoping to encourage others to make pledges to the organization. Unearthing this piece of paper the day after the ride didn't help Sandy, but as her goal was to raise money for cancer research, those who are interested in helping her could log onto the Web site: www.stjude.org.

St. Jude is said to be the "America's leading childhood cancer research center in terms of numbers of patients treated and treatment success." According to the organization, since it opened in 1962, the cure rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common form of childhood cancer, has risen from less than 4 percent to 80 percent.

Sandy can be reached at 847-395-3338.

Antioch Woman's Club is having its next meeting on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. in Wesley Hall of the Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St.

Jackie Pierce, who has given several programs to the club, will be talking about Barbara Bush and Rose Kennedy in addition to other presidential moms in her presentation "The Story of the Mothers of the Presidents of the United States." She is the president elect of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Women interested in joining should call membership chair Pat Goone at 847-838-6688.

Dorothee Hlimber is looking for crafters to participate in the Antioch VFW Craft Show Extravaganza to be held at the post the weekend of Nov. 6-7.

She said, "This is our 31st craft show, and fun is always had by all."

In addition to one-of-a-kind crafts, there will be raffles, refreshments, pull tabs and door prizes.

The hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. The post is located at 75 North Ave.

For more information, call Dorothee at 847-395-6934.

Antioch resident Jennifer Rosen graduated from Central Michigan University with both a bachelor of science and bachelor of arts. Congratulations.

Michael Lencioni, a senior at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, who is specializing in teaching biological sciences in secondary school, received a \$1K scholarship as he was named one of 20 top-flight students. Well done.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorlie@bx.netcom.com

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POLICEBEAT

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Suspended

Brenda C. Sellers, 38, of 9820 269th Ave., Trevor, Wis., was arrested for driving while suspended on Oct. 2 at 1:35 a.m. at the intersection of Tiffany and Route 173.

She was issued citations for improper lane usage and no valid driver's license. Sellers was released on personal recognizance pending court.

Andrew M. Schroeder, 32, of 213 S. First St., Silver Lake, Wis., was arrested for driving while suspended on Sept. 30 at 8:39 a.m. at the intersection of Deep Lake Road and Depot Street.

He was issued citations for speeding and driving while suspended, and released on personal recognizance pending his Oct. 27 court date.

Stephanie N. Pignato, 18, of 570 Valley View, was arrested for driving while suspended on Sept. 30 at 11:44 a.m. at the intersection of Lake and Main streets.

She was issued citations for failing to signal and driving while suspended, and released on personal recognizance pending Oct. 27 court.

No valid driver's license

Jesus Medina, 30, of 26211 W. Spring Grove Road, was arrested for driving with no valid driver's license on Sept. 29 at 10:41 p.m. on Route 173 at Hillside.

He was issued citations for speeding, no rear registration light and no valid driver's license and released on personal recognizance pending his Oct. 27 court date.

Teresa Padilla, 27, of 1323 Oak, Round Lake, was arrested for driving with no valid driver's license on Oct. 4 at 6:04 a.m. at the intersection of Ida and Bishop.

She was issued citations for speeding and driving without a valid license, and released on personal recognizance pending court.

LAKE VILLA

Battery

Ann M. Larence, 38, of 849 Sanctuary Drive, Lake Villa, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Sept. 30, at 5:36 p.m., at the Sanctuary Apartments clubhouse. Police were summoned for a disturbance in progress, and found a female, 36, who complained that Larence had been allowing her child to climb uncontrolled in the apartment complex business center. When the complainant asked Larence to leave, Larence allegedly closed the door in the complainant's face, hitting her hands. The alleged offender had to be asked to unlock the business center door. Police charged Larence with battery and served her with a notice to appear in Grayslake Branch III court, on Nov. 10, at 1:30 p.m. She was also given a verbal trespass warning, but told police she would enter the premises again, and get arrested "if necessary," because her lease allowed her access.

Intoxicated pedestrian

John M. Bransley, 43, of 102 E. Grand Ave., Fox Lake, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on Sept. 26, at 6 p.m., at the Metra train station. He was passed out on the floor of the lobby of the train station. He was charged with being an intoxicated pedestrian. He was released pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Nov. 10, at 3 p.m.

LINDENHURST

Driving with a suspended license

Dawn M. Greenberg, 18, of 1919 Gatewood Drive, Gurnee, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Oct. 1, at 3:50 p.m., while driving westbound on Sand Lake Road near Route 45. She was stopped for driving without a seatbelt, and charged with driving with a suspended license. She was also charged with possession of cannabis after a police inventory of her car. She was released on a \$1,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Grayslake Branch III court, on Nov. 3, at 3 p.m.

Persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty in court. Information in Police Beat comes from police departments.

DUI ARRESTS

The following people have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Gregory A. Williams, 20, of 23624 124 St., Trevor, Wis., was arrested for DUI on Oct. 3 at 1:59 a.m. on North Avenue at Hillside.

A preliminary breath test indicated .05 blood alcohol concentration. He was arrested for zero tolerance DUI.

Williams was released on personal recognizance pending court.

James N. Conrad, 55, of 1204 Edgewater Lane, was arrested for DUI on Sept. 29 at 12:04 a.m. at the intersection of Route 173 and Savage Road.

A preliminary breath test indicated .111 blood alcohol concentration. A later Breathalyzer test indicated .119 blood alcohol concentration.

Conrad posted \$100 and his driver's license pending his Oct. 19 court date.

Jessica A. Dohr, 36, of 291 Joanna Court, was arrested for DUI on Oct. 1 at 1:55 a.m. on Route 83 at Joanna Court.

A preliminary breath test indicated .132 blood alcohol concentration. Dohr refused chemical testing.

She was released on personal recognizance pending court.

Andrea I. Novak, 23, of 3505 Johns Manville, Gurnee, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on Oct. 1, at 1:38 a.m., while driving on Route 45 north of Grass Lake Road. She was driving a green 1998 two-door Pontiac Grand Am at a rate of 51 mph in a 40-mph zone. She refused all tests. She was charged with speeding, improper lane usage and DUI. She was released on a \$3,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Oct. 19, at 9 a.m.

LOCAL AREA CRIME OF THE WEEK

Employee charged with Citgo cash theft

By Julie Murphy

Staff Reporter



Williams

Travis E. Williams, 42, of 41432 Route 83, was arrested twice on Sept. 15 for theft and later disorderly conduct at Bernie's Citgo where he was employed.

At about 3:15 a.m., Williams reportedly came into the store area of the filling station and distracted the on-duty clerk and went behind the counter. Later, that clerk realized cash was missing and called police.

Cmdr. Craig Somerville said an undisclosed amount of cash had been taken and that Williams had been released on bond after police found him and arrested him.

"This is a misdemeanor charge," he said.

At 10:11 p.m., police were called back to Bernie's Citgo for a disturbance. Williams was arrested for disorderly conduct, also a misdemeanor offense.

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Criminal damage to property

Lake Villa Police received a report that sometime between 6 p.m. on Sept. 24 and 7 a.m. on Sept. 27, power was shut off at the Condell Medical Center at 50 S. Milwaukee Ave. Dr. Corrado Ugolini reported that the loss of power caused refrigeration to fail, destroying \$1,000 worth of vaccines. Dr. Rossanne Oggiano lost \$7,000 worth of flu and other vaccines and Family Care Center of Lake County lost \$1,500 in live vaccines. Com Ed told police unknown persons had tampered with the main circuit breaker box and seals had been broken.

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FOCUSFEATURE

TIFs: Boon or bane?

Tax Increment Financing may be a mixed blessing for towns in flux

By Brenda Balin, Julie Murphy, Steve Peterson and Ginny Skweres

Staff Reporters

Libertyville was a "quaint" community, whose commercial center was withering in the shadow of two highly successful retail malls.

Rollins Road, in Round Lake Beach, was a mixture of rundown homes, floundering small businesses and cow pastures.

Waukegan was a once-proud city in a state of decay and blight.

Where no commercial center exists, or where the apparent town center is in decay, the task becomes how to lure new businesses into such areas to encourage revitalization.

Since 1977, in the state of Illinois, Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) has been a vital tool in rebuilding communities.

A number of communities in Lake County are either exploring the concept, beginning to institute TIF districts, or have used this resource for a number of years.

Weighing the pros and cons

In Fox Lake, Don Peoples hopes to bring a hotel and water park project to the Route 12 corridor. The project would fall into an area that includes 26 acres designated as a TIF district.

As in many cases, the creation of a TIF district has proven controversial.

Fox Lake Public Library District librarian Harry Bork raised the question of

whether a TIF district was even necessary.

"Another project presented to us as in need of TIF financing, Holiday Park, was successfully developed without the use of tax incremental financing," Bork said.

Generally, the most vocal opponents of TIF districts are school districts, who lose out on incremental EAV increases during the term of the TIF.

However, Grant High School Superintendent John Benedetti said the school's interests were represented in the TIF agreement.

"Property taxes we were receiving from the parcel were minimal," he said.

Success story

Round Lake Beach Mayor Rich Hill said the village's three TIF districts have definitely been a boon.

The first district was created in 1986 and will expire in 2009. It includes the Mallard Creek shopping center and the residential area south of it bordered by North Avenue to the west, Shorewood Road to the south and Hainesville Road to the east.

The second district began in 1999, and is solely funded by the overflow money from the first district; when the first TIF district expires, so does it. The second TIF includes the area west of first TIF between Com-Ed's high-tension wires west to Cedar Lake Road and to the southern border of Round Lake Beach.

Overflow money from the second TIF district has gone

back to the taxing bodies. Hill said about \$900,000 was reimbursed last year.

The third TIF is a 10-year district that began four years ago in the area of Meadow Green off Cedar Lake Road.

Hill said TIFs are abused when they are put in areas that are not blighted, or that would develop on their own without help.

"These are just freebies to developers," he said.

According to Hill, the area of the first TIF had been "the worst section of town" and that infrastructure improvements were sorely needed.

Hill believes that, because of the changes, many homeowners have also worked to improve their personal properties, further increasing property assessments.

On the downside, two of the three districts affect the beleaguered Round Lake Community Unit School District 116. The district came under state financial oversight in 2000, when it was in imminent danger of going bankrupt.

Walter J. Korpan, Chief Financial Officer on the oversight panel, noted the district received \$488,000 out of the \$900,000 that was returned to the taxing bodies last year.

Nevertheless, he acknowledged the district might be in better shape in the short run without a TIF district.

"There is an impact on the school district in terms of lost revenue and increased school children," he said, noting the TIFs in Round Lake Beach include residential property.

The store fronts at 512 & 514 N. Milwaukee in Libertyville around 1987, before the downtown TIF district was put into effect.



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tax revenue.

The long view is more encouraging.

"When they come off, they will benefit the district," he said, referencing the increased EAV that will produce a windfall and ongoing increased revenues when the TIF expires.

Maintaining Main Street

Although Round Lake Beach went all out in trying to draw national franchises and chains to its first TIF district, Libertyville took a different tack in waging war with the proliferation of retail malls and big box stores.

Downtown Libertyville draws residents as well as tourists to its Main Street-inspired atmosphere. Like many historic towns, it evolved around the hub of a train station.

In 1987, the Libertyville Village Board put a TIF district into effect for the downtown area, where there was a vacancy rate of 30 percent of the stores.

Trustees were concerned about the growing competition from Gurnee Mills and Hawthorn Shopping Center, according to Carolyn L. Dellutri, executive director of MainStreet Libertyville.

The TIF allowed for the creation of the MainStreet area loan pool program, which allows business owners in the TIF area to borrow up to \$100,000 for seven years.

Since the TIF was developed in 1987, 30 renovation projects have been undertaken in the downtown area. It is designed to expire in 2009.

Again, the TIF is a mixed blessing for school districts.

With revenues from the TIF district frozen at the 1986 rate, Libertyville School District 70 estimates it has lost about \$593,000 this year alone.

"I wish we had it," District 70 Superintendent Mark R. Friedman said.

Banking on the future

Perhaps the most dramatic use of tax incremental financing is in the city of Waukegan, which has five TIF districts.

The oldest, known as TIF 1, which covers the waterfront area, was created in 1988, set to expire in 2011. It is likely the city will ask the state legislature to allow an extension of the term.

"Thirty years ago, it was thought, if we create it, things will come," said Ray Vukovich, Waukegan's director of government services. Since then, there have been some capital improvements, some property purchased by the city and some demolition. There's been no debt incurred and little development.

A year later, TIF 2 was created, but the commercial properties along Lewis Avenue lay dormant until 1993. At that time, Cub Foods was given incentives to come into the blighted area. The store attracted other business, and a major leap in area EAV.

"Waukegan EAV goes up an average of 6-8 percent a year," Vukovich said. He indicated that from 1989-2002, there was a 175 percent increase in EAV in TIF 2, along with an estimated \$200-250,000 increase in sales

TIF 3, created in 1994, included the old Belvidere Mall, on Belvidere and Lewis. A marginal property, when Montgomery Ward left the mall, it began a slow death.

Assistance for demolition costs incurred in the district was covered by \$1.7 million in general obligation bonds,

with the increment paying off the debt service.

The district, due to expire in 2007, produced a 210 percent increase in EAV between 1984-2002.

TIF 4 created in 1998, is part of the city's redevelopment plan. As in TIF 1, there has been some property acquisition by the city, and some demolition, but not much development, yet.

TIF 5 covers the Lakehurst Mall area. With the success of nearby Gurnee Mills, the mall experienced a decade of depression and decay.

A new developer is now working on a mixed-use project called Fountain Square, which is expected to produce significant revenue.

Because most of Waukegan's TIF districts are commercial, there has, thus far, been little impact on the schools in terms of additional students.

Each municipality considering creation or extension of a TIF district will need to weigh the risks and benefits offered by this alternative to traditional financing of redevelopment projects.

What is a TIF?

base EAV.

TIF districts are permitted to exist for up to 23 years, although many municipalities limit them to shorter terms, or end the terms earlier than originally expected, thus returning the benefits of growing EAV to the community at large.

TIF districts must meet certain criteria. They can be created in a developed or vacant blighted area which meets a combination of at least five eligibility factors out of 13, such as underutilized or obsolete property, or declining EAV.

TIF districts can also be created in conservation areas or industrial parks, as defined by statute.

A further test used by municipalities considering a TIF district is the question, "But for a TIF district, would development occur in this area?"

The TIF process takes about 22 weeks, and includes public hearings as well as recommendations from a Joint Review Board consisting of representatives from all taxing bodies affected by the proposed TIF.

For more information about TIF districts, visit www.illinois-tif.com. —By Brenda Balin

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Company. In short, Joel Manning's complaints are as follows: the village's accounting system is 40+ years old, there has been high turnover with little or no training for newcomers and, there are no job descriptions or cross-training for employees. Additionally, Manning said that while he was told there was no money in the budget for software, software could have been purchased two times over with the money spent on temporary help and consultants.

He said the village's antiquated system required too much "touch" and that for everything hand-entered there was an opportunity for error. He added that the computer was prone to "hiccups" that would throw everything out of kilter.

Steele concurred in previous reports and referred to the village's computer system as "junk."

Larson read a statement at the last regular meeting of the board of directors criticizing the mayor for broadcasting that \$3 million is missing when, to date, no one has presented "hard evidence" to support such claims.

After the meeting, resident Dennis Crosby, confronted Larson about her referring to him as a political friend of the mayor. He was one of three rumored to be running on the mayor's slate along with Caulfield and Jim Parks and one of three who attended the previous board meeting to praise the mayor during public comment along with Parks and Dave Dziki (who had been rumored to be campaign manager, something he denied).

"I haven't decided to run, though I'm becoming exasperated," Crosby said. "I felt demeaned when she mentioned that, because this has nothing to do with me being a political friend of the mayor."

Crosby said that he had had meetings with the mayor and Caulfield and told them he would not be "their boy" and would not rubber stamp things.

He said, "This (discrepancy) makes me want to go to the end of the earth to find out why. Until this is resolved, I believe there is the opportunity for problems to grow and that is the issue."

Parks said he was concerned about the difference in assets and depreciation, with the latter being significantly higher than the former.

He said, "It could be accounting issues, or money could disappear that had been called depreciation."

When asked why the State's Attorney's investigation of 2001 that led to the 2002 indictment of former administrator Tim Wells wasn't satisfactory proof that the misappropriation of the Dolly Spiering Fund was the only illegal activity to have occurred, both said they had limited knowledge.

Crosby said he has only lived in Antioch since March and didn't know all of the history. Parks said he didn't know to what extent or specifically what the State's Attorney had investigated.

At the time of the indictment, George Strickland, chief of the criminal division of the Lake County State's Attorney office said his office had compiled 2-3K pages of documentation supporting the charges against Wells. In June of this year, he said, "Everybody who we believed we had sufficient evidence against was charged."

Wells was the only one charged and only four or five of the 18 charges against him per-

tained to the initial diversion of the funds.

In her statement, Larson said she was more concerned about irregularities of the current administration than of the past.

She said, "This administration has been misappropriating park impact fees and spending these fees on other things that are unauthorized by law."

Parks said he was surprised that none of the other trustees called her on that statement as it sounds as though the board of which she is part has done those things.

Larson clarified, "There was one fund transfer that was approved by the board when Mike Haley was still around (as administrator). Other than that, there has been no action but these fees have not been going into a special fund like I was told they would for the past three years."

She said her frustration stems from not knowing how much money the park board has to spend on property it is hoping to acquire.

"We should be able to look at the permits and figure out how much was paid for park impact," she said. "This shouldn't be that hard to do, and we should have access to that money."

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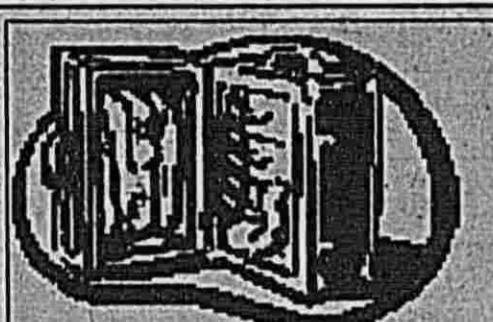
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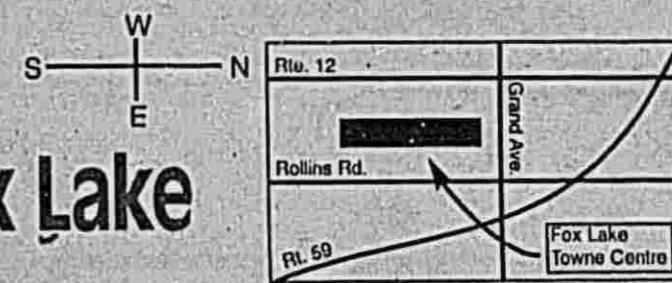
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of Antioch

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My daughters, Stephanie a junior at Northern Michigan University and Brittany a freshman at ACHS, and our cat Gizmo.

I attend/graduated from:

Main Township High School North

Community involvement:

I have chaperoned or participated in AUGS Teen Canteen, Antioch Waves, Fourth of July 5K run/walk and different programs through the Antioch Public Library District

What I like best about my town:

The camaraderie of the people, the quaint small-town feeling and everything the town has to offer through the Special Events Department

Hobbies:

Walking and admiring the simplicity of nature

Favorite movie:

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Favorite music:

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Favorite sports team:

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Best local restaurant:

Max and Irma's

Favorite home-cooked meal:

Italian sausage, mostaccioli and French bread

Person I admire most:

My mom

If I had \$1 million, I would:

Share it with my family and friends since they have always been there for us

If I had a plane ticket anywhere, I would:

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My pet peeve is:

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If I had one wish, it would be:

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LOCAL DIGEST

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Lakes Area Community Band, a 40-member band comprised of musicians from Lake, McHenry & Kenosha counties, is currently seeking musicians high school age and older in all sections. Practices take place on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in the Antioch Community High School band room.

New members are welcome. No auditions are required. For more information, call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272.

Fibromyalgia, chronic
fatigue, lupus support
group meets monthly

Fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, lupus support group meets on the first Saturday of each month at 884 Main St. (Route 83), from 10 a.m.-noon. It is open to all individuals who have chronic pain conditions, particularly Fibromyalgia, Chronic Fatigue and Lupus.

There is no cost to attend and family members are welcome. For more information about the group or topic for the month, please call 847-362-7807.

Knights of
Columbus meet

Knights of Columbus (Father Henderson Council 3800) meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Father Frawley Hall, located in the basement of St. Peter Church.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Family Fraternal service organization that volunteers time and money to charitable and benevolent causes. Practicing Catholic men over the age of 18 years old are eligible to join.

For more information, call St. Peter Church Rectory at 847-395-0274.

CPR classes held

The Antioch Rescue Squad and the Antioch Fire Dept. offer CPR classes to the public at the Antioch Fire Department located at 835 Holbek Dr.

For more information or to make reservations, call the Antioch Fire Dept. at 847-395-5511.

Take pounds off

TOPS (take pounds off sensibly) meets every Wednesday at the Antioch Senior Center. Weigh-ins begin at 6:30 p.m., and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143.

The Antioch Senior Center is located at 817 Holbek Dr., behind the fire station.

Blood drive becomes part
of Halloween Howl

There's plenty of time to sign up for the first annual blood drive to become part of Antioch's Halloween Howl.

Sponsored by the First National Bank-Employee Owned (FNBEO), it's only fitting that the drive will take place at Dracula's Cave located in the Community Building at 884 Main St. on Oct. 22 from 5-9 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 2-5 p.m.

The blood drive will be in keeping with the Halloween Howl theme, and will have scary decorations and ghoulishly good treats. There will be a coloring contest and other activities to keep children occupied who are waiting for their parents to give blood.

Though donors are welcome on a walk-in basis, appointments can be made through Kathy Nixon, FNBEO activities coordinator at 847-662-2265.

Donors need to be at least 17 years old (16 year olds may donate with written parental consent), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and in good health. After donating one unit of blood, the average, healthy person replenishes the liquid portion of his or her blood supply in 24 hours. Volunteers can donate blood once every eight weeks.

Walleye tournament
volunteers sought

Many volunteers will be necessary in April 2005 with the villages of Antioch and Fox Lake host the PWT National Walleye Tournament.

Those interested in volunteering should call Billie Horton, special events coordinator for the Village of Antioch, at 847-395-6342.

LOCAL NEWS

CALENDAR

Friday, October 8

7:30-8:30 a.m., Business Networking Group meets at Centre Lights Cafe next to Condell, Libertyville. Call Dan at 847-803-9904 during business hours

Saturday, October 9

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Peddler's Alley Craft Show at Antioch Community High School. Over 50 crafters, food, bake sale and raffle to benefit ACHS activities.

Sunday, October 10

7-9 p.m., Open gym at ACHS, \$2, adults only

7-10 p.m., Darwin's Dilemma, part of the Last Chance Saloon's Second Sunday Concerts. Hear "Cool Christian" music at 129 Center St. No cover charge. Call 847-223-0082 for information.

Monday, October 11

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

Tuesday, October 12

7 p.m., The Northern Illinois Conservation Club board meeting at the clubhouse. For info, Call 847-395-NICC or go to www.lake-online.com/nicc

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets at the Double Eagle Restaurant. Public is welcome to join. Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mirigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

6:45 p.m., Bingo, Antioch VFW. Call 847-395-5393

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rt. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181 for details.

1 p.m., AARP (for adults 55+) meets at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr. Please call Sharon Nowak at 847-395-5068 to learn more

7:30 p.m., Mothers & More is a national non-profit group that respects and supports the choices a woman makes in combining parenting and work. It offers informational meetings, playgroups, mom & tot outings, charity activities, mom's night out and leadership roles. Held at State Bank of the Lakes in Grayslake. For more information, call Kerry at 847-245-3732 or visit www.mothersandmore.org online.

7-9 p.m., SOS Stepmoms meets in the Grayslake area. Call Tina at 847-543-4768 for details.

Wednesday, October 13

6 p.m., CPR classes sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad, held at Squad Bldg., 835 Holbeck Dr. \$5. Call 847-395-5511 to learn more.

1 p.m., Antioch Woman's Club meets at United Methodist Church. Call 847-395-4210 for details.

8 a.m., American Business Women's Association meets at Keller Williams Realty on Rt. 83 (south of Rt. 173). Call Nancy at 847-838-6500 to learn more.

6:30 p.m., TOPS weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, Wednesdays. Call 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143 for details.

10 a.m., Lake County Women's Club meets at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Dr., Grayslake. Enjoy varied activities. Call 847-548-4250 for info.

9 a.m., Home Office Managers & Entrepreneurs meets at First Midwest Bank, 300 N. Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee. Guest speakers, referrals, shared business owner experiences. Call 847-367-7118

Thursday, October 14

7:30 p.m., Village of Antioch Planning & Zoning Board meets second Thursdays at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 847-395-1000 to confirm

7:15 a.m., BNI meets at Hillside Restaurant, Grayslake. Call Craig Henderson at 847-840-6464

Friday, October 15

7-9 p.m., Divorced or separated support group, Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. For details, call 847-356-6181

Saturday, October 16

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meets weekly at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave., Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458

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Oct. 15 & 16, Fri.-Sat., 6 p.m.-midnight, Oktoberfest, \$7, in outside tent at Crossroads of Ivanhoe (Rts. 83 and 60), German cuisine and beer. Dance to live music by Austrian Express and Die Lustigen Musikanter. Call 847-223-8161 ext. 104 for additional information.

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LAKE VILLA TIMBERWOLVES ROUNDUP

The **Timberwolves Red Flag** team finished the regular season at 5-2. Red Flag turned it around this week for a big win in the homecoming finale of the regular season. The Big Red mixed up the offense with a balanced attack in the air and on the ground.

Big runs by Max Kravitz, Sean Rafferty, Curtis Carlson, and Sergei Wawrzyniak helped open up the passing game. Caleb Catalanello and Michael Zurawski split time at quarterback and both hooked up on long passes for touchdowns to Spenser Clouse.

The fierce Red Storm defense showed up in the second half containing the run and breaking up a critical 4th down pass in the end zone. Ted Newton, Nick Koziol, and Austin Lucas anchored an aggressive defensive line that kept the pressure on late in the game to protect the Big Red lead.

Playoffs are next weekend and the team will be busy in practice this week as they tune up for the final clash of the season.

The **Lake Villa Pee-Wee Red** team extended its unbeaten streak to three games Saturday with a 33-0 victory over the Round Lake Spartans at the Indian Hills field. Lake Villa scored on each of its three drives in the first quarter and had four different players with touchdowns for the day.

Defensively, the Timberwolves continued its strong play this season, holding the Spartans to minus-24 yards for the contest. For the season the Pee-Wee Red squad has scored 93 points and 789 yards of offense while holding their opponents to just 7 points on a total of minus-4 yards.

Next up for the Lake Villa PeeWee Red team is the Fox Lake Cardinals who come in for Homecoming on Oct. 9. Game time is 10:30 a.m.

The **Pee-Wee Black team** continued its shut-out streak, beating Zion 26-0. Strong defensive play was the key to the game, holding Zion to only two first downs.

Linebackers Michael Pfeiffer, Carson Lavin and Derek Smith all had an exceptional day leading the defense to 26 tackles and



Lake Villa Timberwolves Red Flag Football player Spenser Clouse scored a touchdown in a win over Round Lake.

two fumble recoveries.

PW Black's offense gained 310 yards with Matty Wohlfel catching a pass for a 22-yard gain. Taylor Craig ran for a total of 81 yards, setting up two long TDs by Evan McCollum.

The 3-1 **Featherweight Red** team out-dueled the Round Lake Spartans 34-13. Anthony Lowe led the team with 3 TDs and an extra point. Lowe's outstanding day also included a TD pass to Tyler Potesta. Potesta was also credited with scoring an extra point. Taylor Walkington's day included a TD run and 2 extra points.

The **Timberwolves Saturday Black team** moved to 4-0 with an impressive win Saturday over Zion. The game started off slow with neither team moving the ball offensively. The T-Wolves opened the scor-



The Lake Villa Timberwolves Pee-Wee Red defense swarms in for a tackle in a game against Round Lake.



Lake Villa Timberwolves Bantam Red player Nicholas Hough goes for the tackle in a game against Round Lake.

ing on a five-play, 28-yard drive, after Anthony Yontz's fumble recovery.

Zion came back with an impressive drive of its own and scored on a 10-yard run and converted the PAT to go up 7-6 at halftime.

After a solid speech from Coach Gary Cukla, at half time, the T-wolves defense came out with a vengeance, led by Angel Caberra, Brett Conway, George Gonzales, Jamie Schmidt and Brandon Grant. The

Scorpions' only substantial drive came in the third quarter, but was halted by a fumble, recovered by David Kosmen.

The offense finally got on track late in the game and started pushing the ball down field; Mike Hough scored his second TD of the game from 20 yards out to make it 12-7 T-Wolves. In the fourth quarter Isaac Kadera put the game away with a 45-yard scamper to pay dirt, giving Lake Villa an 18-7 victory.

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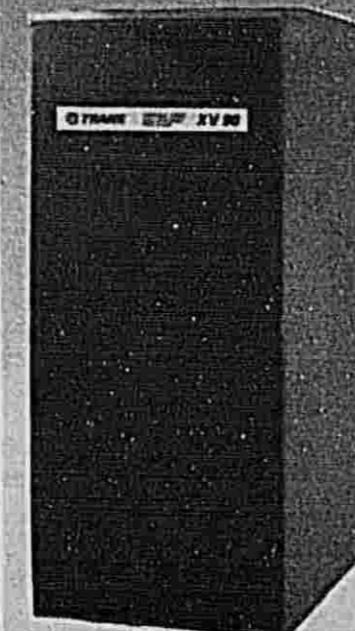
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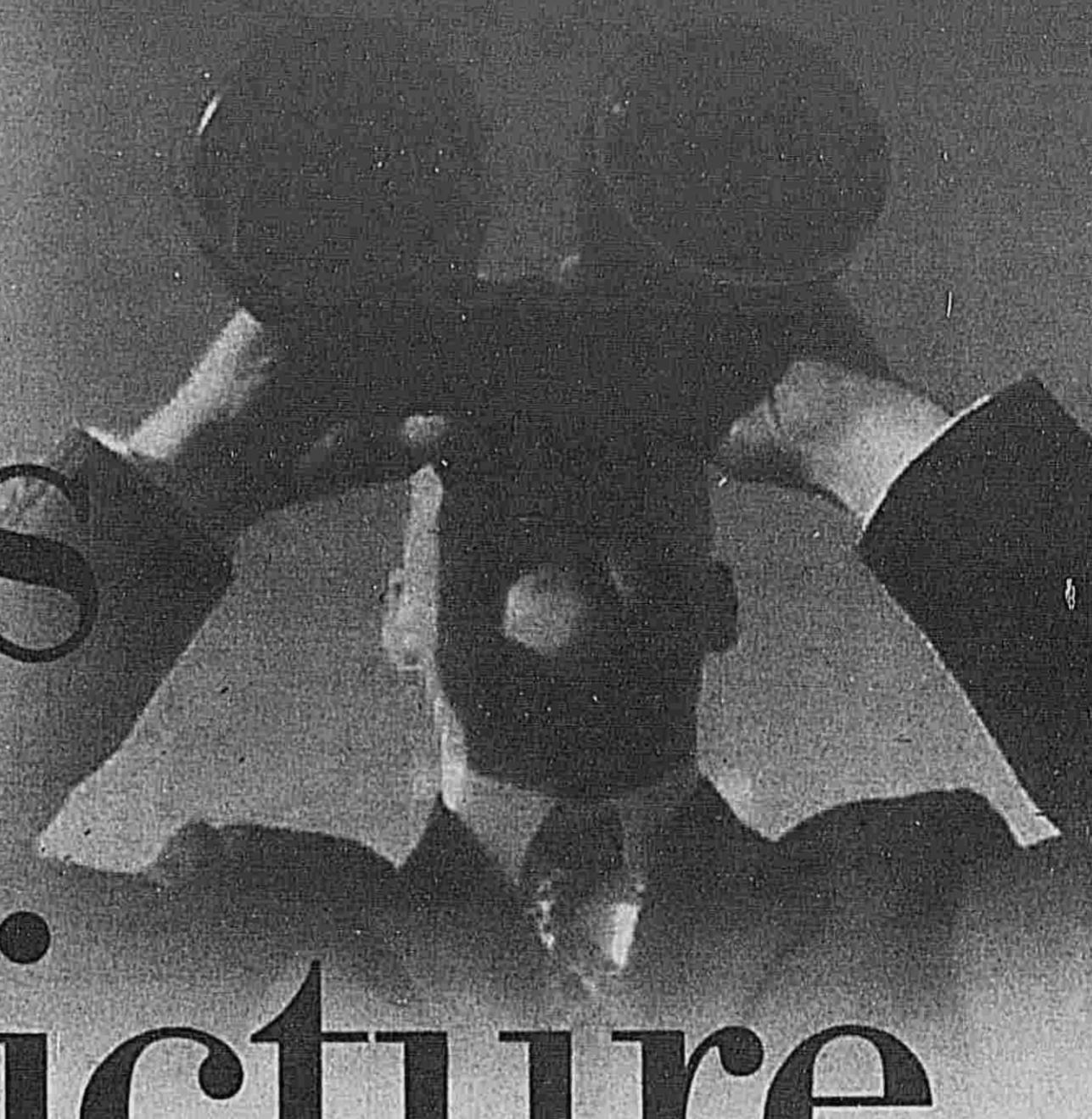
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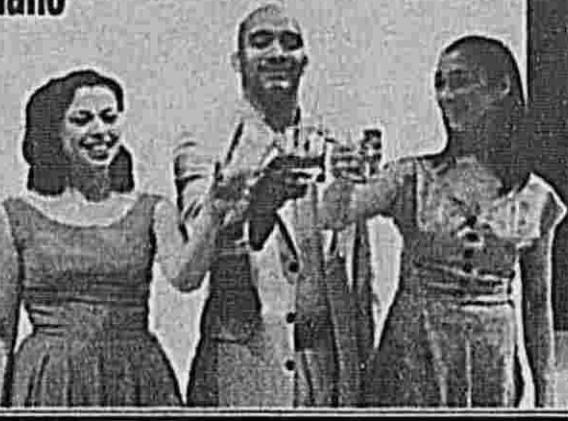
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Youth football undergoing a
resurgence in Lake County

It's a chilly Saturday in Libertyville. Just over 50 degrees with a slight breeze, in other words perfect football weather.

And before the day is over, thousands of people will have gathered at a pair of football fields at the Libertyville Boys Club at Butler Lake to cheer on players who are either just learning the game, or who are preparing to make the jump to high school football.

For LBC Commissioner John Teichman, it's a sight for sore eyes. He remembers a much different scene on Saturdays less than 20 years ago.

"We almost went down to eight-man football in the early '80s when soccer was very popular," said Teichman, who also serves as the Wildcats' Lightweight (sixth through eighth graders, up to 130 pounds) travel coach. "But in the last 10 years football has blown up in Libertyville and in the county."

Now instead of eight-man football, LBC has 27 teams playing in shifts at the Butler Lake facility. The organization, which draws mainly from Libertyville and Vernon Hills, but also from Mundelein, Lincolnshire and Lake Forest, has grown from 150-200 kids a few years ago to the biggest in Lake County with over 600 players and an additional 100 cheerleaders.

"We even have to practice in shifts," Teichman said. "We're at capacity right now."

The LBC has an inherent advantage over other teams in the area because of its geography. With several former and current members of the Chicago Bears living in and around the area, several have chosen to help out over the years, as have countless other parents and volunteers than lend their time on a weekly basis.

"We have some very dedicated volunteers," Teichman said. "Seventy percent of our coaches don't even have children playing in the program."

Former Bears coaches Vince Tobin and Bob Slowik, current Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera and former Bears players Dave Duerson, Jim Morrissey, Robin Earl and Glen Kozlowski have all

coached in the organization.

"That's what makes us a good program," Teichman said. "We have a lot of very dedicated people that like to see the program grow. And Kozlowski was always talking about us on WGN radio, so that didn't hurt our publicity either."

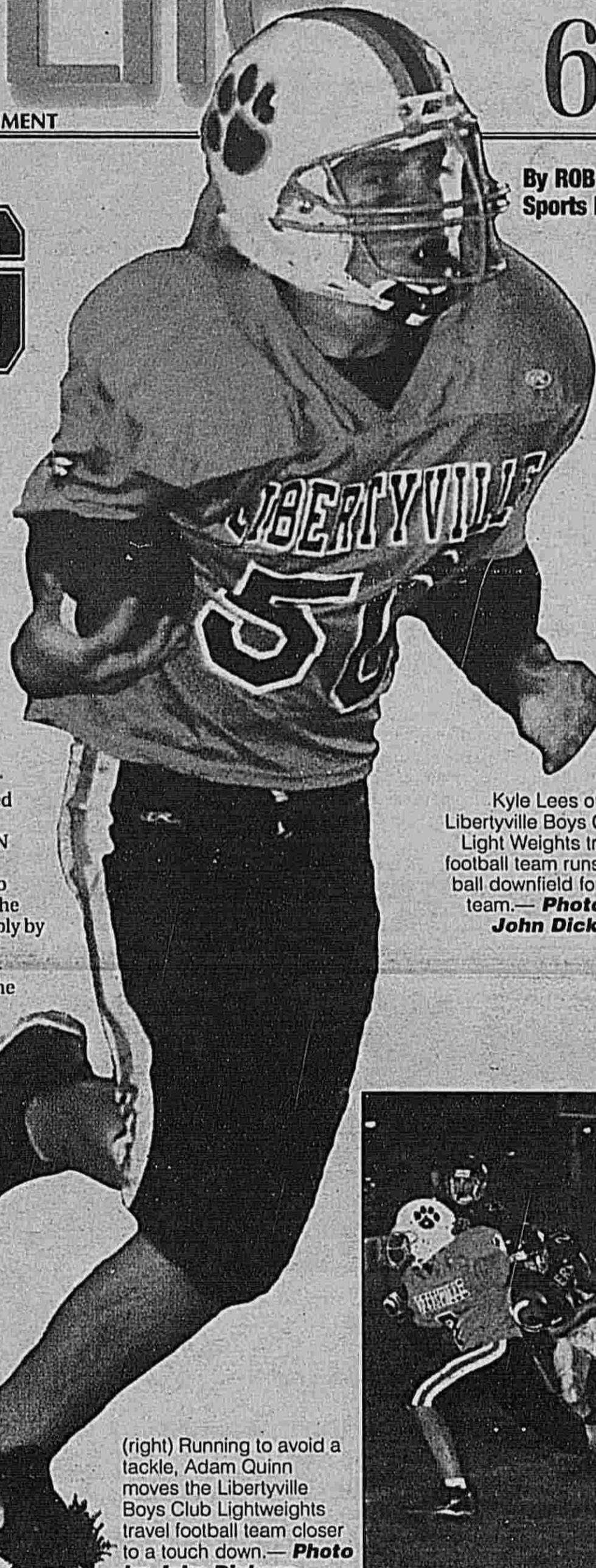
The growing trend that LBC enjoys has also helped the rest of the county in recent years. The sport's popularity in the county is evident simply by looking at the number of teams in the area.

Teichman, who is vice president of the Tri-County Youth Football League (TCYFL), said the league has grown from eight teams, from Lake, McHenry and Cook counties, to 17 teams during his tenure. The league has even added teams from DuPage County in recent years.

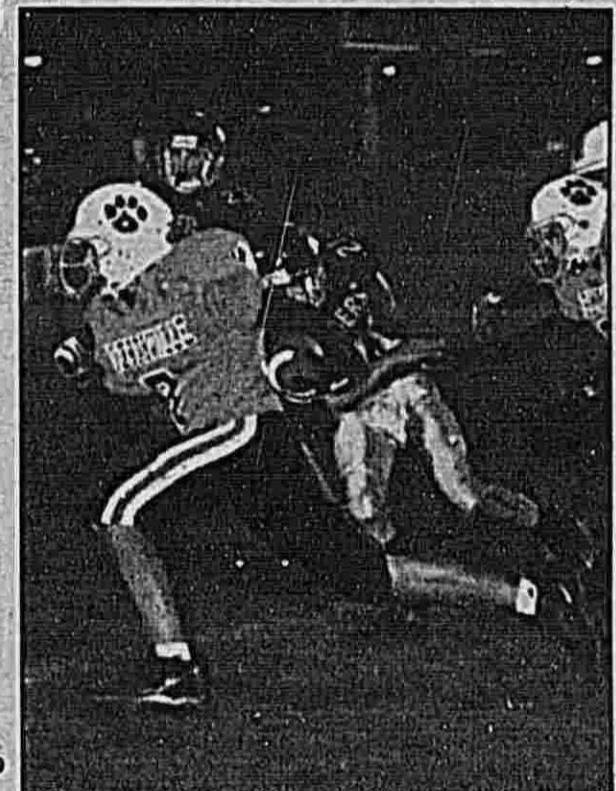
The Warren Blue Demons and Antioch Vikings also compete in the TCYFL, which is the larger of the two local leagues. The Junior Football League of Northern Illinois has many more local teams of the smaller nature including the Island Lake/Wauconda Falcons, Lake Villa Timberwolves, Mundelein Mustangs, Lakeland Cardinals, Round Lake Spartans and Waukegan Chiefs.

And Teichman expects the trend to continue.

"Football is just going to keep growing and growing in the area," Teichman said. "Towns are going to get bigger and bigger and kids are going to want to play football; it's the most popular sport right now and I don't see that changing any time soon."



Kyle Lees of the
Libertyville Boys Club
Light Weights travel
football team runs the
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(right) Running to avoid a
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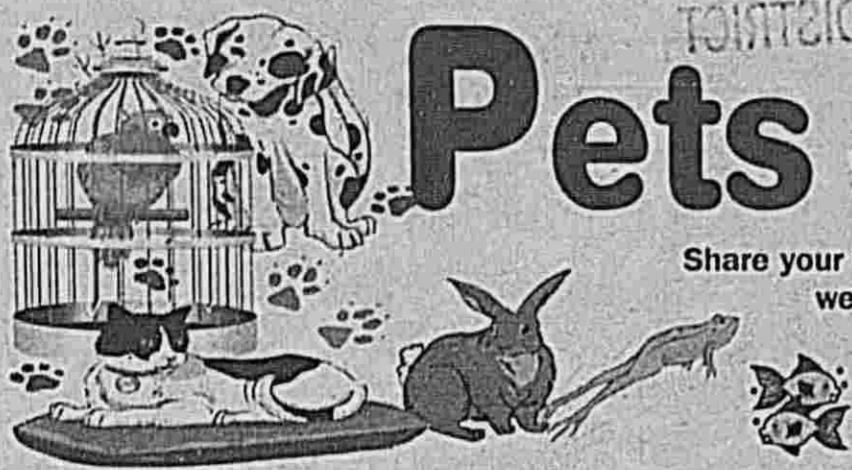
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Shiloh



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Denzeh

All smiles

Shiloh, aka Albern, a 10-year-old German shorthair pointer will really be all smiles when someone brings him home. Pam Meland, of Save-A-Pet, said he is very smart, good with children and housebroken. "Despite his age, he'll play ball all day and would a love a home with someone who likes to play as much as he does," Meland said.

Best kept secret

Foxie, an 8-year-old-ish calico, lives in one of the offices and is rarely seen though she is up for adoption. Becky Carlen, of Save-A-Pet said she's a little "iffy" on dogs, but loves the job of lap cat. She said, "She had been adopted out, but the owner died so she came back."

Sports fan

Denzeh (Densi) black toy poodle 6 yrs. old. His owners are Kelton, Haylee and Kati Walsh of Ingleside. 'Densi' loves to play ball. Kati likes to dress him up in Chicago Bulls and Bears clothes. 'Densi' weighs 5 3/4 lbs. His previous breeder used to show her poodles on the "Bozo Show." For more information on this pet, call 847-587-6913.

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One of these dogs is not like the others. Maggie, right, a Bull Mastiff, isn't bothered by standing out from the crowd. Though the dogs are not related, the owners are. These dogs belong to Brian and Carol Weiner, Bonnie Kessler, Michael Nichols and Nancy Roberts.



Michael Hayes, of Lake Villa, waits for the minister to bless his Chihuahua named Hannah.

Blessed are the pups

Lake County Animal Protection, a spay and neuter organization, had Minister David Hamm bless pets in conjunction with its fund-raising yard sale in Volo. For more information about low cost spaying and neutering for dogs and cats, call the agency at 847-740-3977.



Dempsey, owned by Nancy Roberts, of McHenry, is on the alert and keeps tabs of the other dogs and their owners.



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This column is going to make a lot of people angry.

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And that is how many I used, and so did many others.

When I worked at Motorola several years ago, we got anywhere from six to 10 paid sick days a year, and that is how many that I used, and so did most of the other employees.

But since I have been working at the newspaper for the past four years, I have not missed one day of work due to illness.

And you know why?—It's because we don't get paid sick days.

In fact, I don't think anyone on our editorial staff has missed a day in the last four years due to illness, and I firmly believe it's because we don't get paid if we don't work. (And yes, I agree with the policy.)

But what I don't agree with is teachers getting a lot of paid sick days a year—and if they don't use them—they can sell them back to the school district and get paid for them.

Is it any wonder that 80 percent of the school districts in Illinois are deficit spending and asking the taxpayers for more money?

And I'm not positive, but my girlfriend who is a teacher gets 18 paid sick days a year. (And if she doesn't use them she can sell them back and basically be paid double time for those 18 days.)

Now I may be wrong, and I often am, but if you are already getting three months off in the summertime, two weeks off at Christmas, and another week off during spring, you ought to be able to make it through the school year without taking any sick days. (And for heavens sake, if you don't use the sick days you shouldn't receive more money for it!)

And it's not just the school district employees. I just read where the former executive director of the Lake County Forest Preserve is being paid \$44,000 in unpaid sick time and vacation pay as part of a huge dismissal package.

And you know what—it is the taxpayers paying for all of this paid sick leave.

And it is consumers who are paying for Motorola and Quill employees to enjoy paid sick time in the form of higher prices for their products.

Yeah, this column is going to make a lot of people angry—but it's time to outlaw paid sick days.

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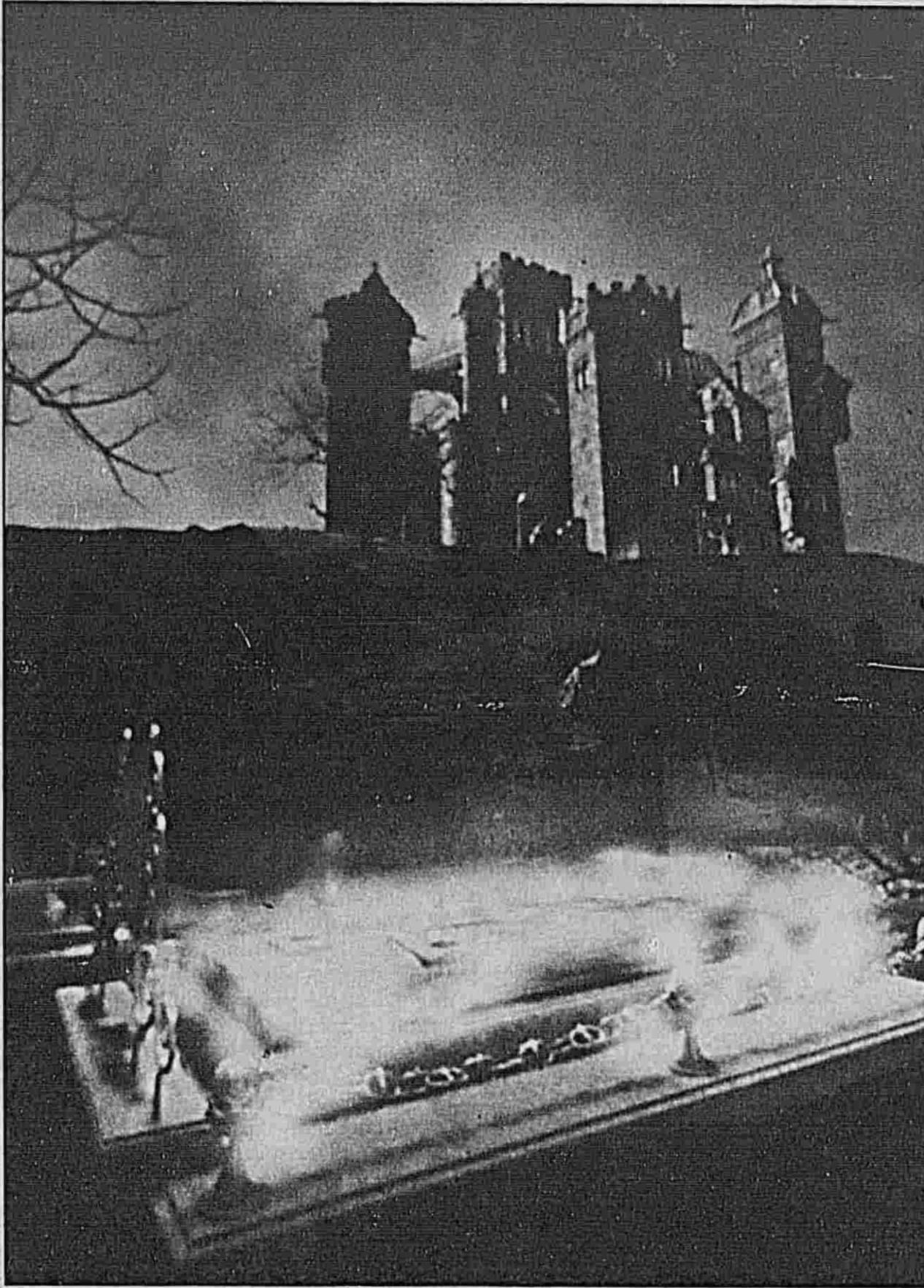
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It was the end of the line. I was stuck in purgatory—the Wisconsin Dells. But I wasn't going to give up without a fight. Dad and the kids could go ahead and sell out for cold pizza, cheap thrills, and a quick descent down a water slide. I was going to stick to my guns—and a cushy, poolside lounge chair. All I needed was some light reading...something appropriate like *Guns and Ammo*, considering the demise of the federal assault weapon ban. You see, as of September 13th, anyone who's anyone—from your average "gang banger" to your upscale terrorist operative—can sport a semiautomatic firearm, and make the ultimate social statement.



**LES ON
LIFE**

Yep, it's time to watch your back, because the federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 was allowed to expire on both floors of Congress. This, despite the fact the Violence Policy Center, a gun control watchdog group, states that 1 out of every 5 police officers killed in the line of duty between 1998 and 2001 were killed with assault weapons.

In July 2004, 111 Illinois police chiefs called for renewal and strengthening of the assault weapon ban, according to the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence. This same group's website quotes Gurnee Police Chief Robert Jones, Vice President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, as saying, "Law enforcement officials in Illinois and throughout this country feel very strongly about this issue. It is not right that so many police officers are outgunned because weapons that are designed to spray bullets, are for sale on the civilian market."

So why wasn't the extension of this ban a lay-up for Congress? Could it be that legislators weren't privy to a recent poll by Voices for Illinois Children that showed 75% of respondents supported the renewal and strengthening of the assault weapon ban? Or did they miss the nationwide poll by the Annenberg Foundation revealing that 71% of Americans, and 64% of gun owners, support the assault weapons ban?

On the other hand, could the September 13th expiration be related to an assertion made by Thom Mannard, Executive Director of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence? Mannard states, "In 2002, 90% of the millions in campaign funds spent by the gun lobby went to Republican members of the House or Senate. Clearly, with 7 weeks left before Election Day, Republican leaders want to make sure that money keeps flowing to their members."

Now go figure...I've got a magazine to read.

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Flavors



Tom Witom
COOKING
BY THE BOOK

"The Working Parents Cookbook" (Chronicle, 2004) by Jeff and Jodie Morgan comes to the rescue of moms and dads whose time is constrained by careers and the hectic lifestyle that goes with the territory when raising kids.

Their 200-recipe book takes aim at reversing the trend where more and more American families

don't eat dinner together. They list preparation times (often 10 to 40 minutes) and average cooking times.

And while they don't get into fussy dishes, they strive for appetizing, nutritious and enjoyable meals that even picky younger eaters will find appealing. We paired Asian Slaw and Cassoulet Quickly, cutting the accompanying recipes in half, and found the two nicely complementary.

Asian Slaw

1 head green cabbage, thinly sliced and then cut crosswise into 3-in.-long ribbons
1 cucumber, peeled and cut into thin strips
2 carrots, peeled and coarsely grated
3 green onions, white and green parts, thinly sliced

Sauce:
2 Tbl. tamari or soy sauce
2 Tbl. rice vinegar

In a large bowl, combine the cabbage, cucumber, carrots and green onions and mix well. Set aside. To make the sauce, in a small bowl, stir together the tamari, vinegar, sesame oil, lime juice, fish sauce, garlic, ginger and cayenne. Pour the sauce over the chopped vegetables and toss to mix thoroughly, then mix in the cilantro. Garnish with the sesame seeds and serve.

1/4 cup Asian sesame oil
Juice of 1 lime
1 Tbl. Asian fish sauce
1 clove garlic, minced
1 Tbl. grated fresh ginger
Pinch of cayenne pepper

1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
3 Tbl. sesame seeds, toasted

Cassoulet Quickly

8 to 10 sweet or hot Italian sausages, about 3 lbs. total weight
2 Tbl. extra-virgin olive oil
1 onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, coarsely chopped
2 tsp. dried thyme
1 tsp. dried rosemary
2 cups sliced white button mushrooms

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Using a fork, poke a series of holes in the opposite sides of each sausage. Pour water to a depth of about 1 inch in a large skillet or saute pan and bring to a boil over high heat. Place the sausages in the pan, cover, reduce the heat to medium and simmer until cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain off the water and set the sausages aside. In a Dutch oven or other large, ovenproof pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute until the onion is translucent, about 3 minutes. Stir in the thyme, rosemary and mushrooms, cover and cook until the mushrooms are tender, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes and their juices to the pan along with the beans. Stir well, then add the salt and season with pepper. Remove from the heat. Cut the sausages into 2-in.-long sections and incorporate them into the bean mixture. Insert the bay leaves into the top. Bake uncovered, for 45 minutes. Serve immediately. [Serves 8]

2 lbs. fresh tomatoes, unpeeled and coarsely chopped, or 1 can (28 oz.) Whole tomatoes, coarsely chopped, with juice
2 cans (15 oz. each) white beans, rinsed and drained
2 Tbl. salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
2 bay leaves



HARVEST SALSA PIE

1 package (15 oz.) refrigerated pie crusts, divided
1 pound ground beef
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/3 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 1/2 cups salsa
1 cup frozen corn, thawed
1/2 cup sliced ripe olives
2 cups shredded Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese, Pesto sauce, barbecue sauce, yellow mustard, ketchup

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large skillet, cook ground beef, onion, green pepper, salt and pepper over medium heat until beef is no longer pink; drain well. Stir in salsa, corn, olives and cheese. Line ungreased pie pan with one pie crust; fill with beef mixture.

Roll out remaining pie crust on lightly floured surface. Using mini metal cutters, cut out assorted shapes; brush each with pesto, barbecue sauce, yellow mustard or ketchup. Place pastry shapes over beef mixture in pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until filling is heated through and crust is golden brown. If leaves were baked separately, add to top of baked pie and serve.

[Makes about 6 servings]

Recipe Courtesy of Wilton Enterprises

Micro-Minute

There are certain fruits that bring the season into swing, not only for students, but also for Autumn lovers...and that would be apples. This week's choice snack is...

Candy Apple Tarts

6 servings

1 cup apple juice
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/3 cup red-hot cinnamon candies
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon red food color
4 tart cooking apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
6 single-serve graham cracker crusts

1) In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine the apple juice, cornstarch, cinnamon candies, vanilla, and food color; mix well.

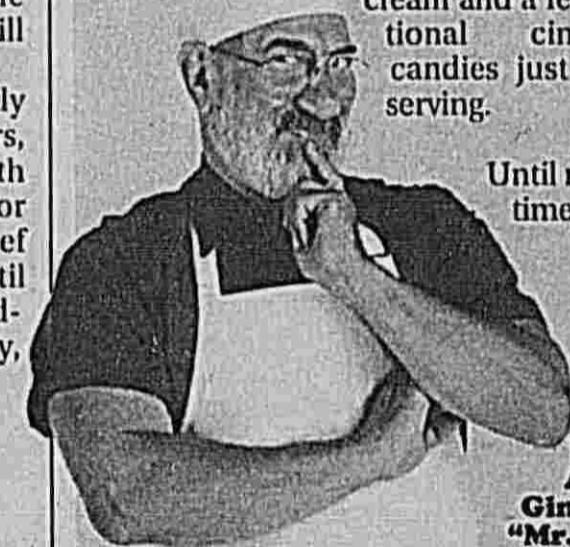
2) Stir in the apples then microwave at 70% power for 12 minutes, or until the apples are tender; mix well.

3) Spoon equal amounts of the apple mixture into the crusts. Cover loosely and chill for at least 1 hour before serving.

FINISHING TOUCH:

These look great when you top each one with a dollop of whipped cream and a few additional cinnamon candies just before serving.

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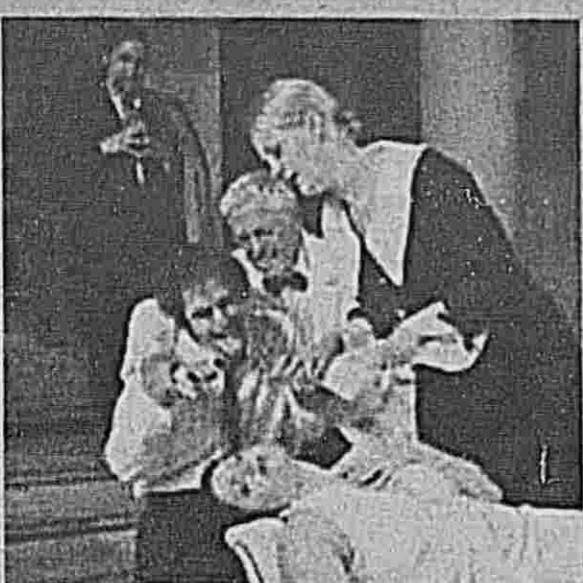
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The Kirk Players proudly opens its 39th season with the classic thriller, Dracula, staged in the Grand Foyer of the Cuneo Museum & Gardens, 1350 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills.

The show is scheduled to run with evening performances at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 21-22; Nov. 4-6 and Nov. 11-13. The troupe will offer matinee performances at 4 p.m. on Oct. 24, 30 and 31; and on Nov. 6-7 and Nov. 13-14.

Dracula, written by playwrights John L. Balderston and Hamilton Deane and adapted from Bram Stoker's classic novel, is the greatest mysterious thriller of our time. It is the story of Lucy Seward, daughter of a physician who runs an English sanitarium, and the struggle to combat the mysterious illness that befalls her. Dr. Seward contacts a specialist, Professor Abraham Van Helsing, who believes she has been the victim of a vampire, one Count Dracula.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Call 847-362-3042, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, to purchase tickets and reserve seats.

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Imagination defies oppression in 'Two Sisters and a Piano'



Sandra Delgado (left), Sammy Publes and Charin Alvarez in a scene from "Two Sisters and a Piano."

Critic's Choice

By TOM WITOM

Nilo Cruz's latest play, "Two Sisters and a Piano," casts its light on a defiant spirit fueled by an overarching imagination that will not knuckle under to the forces of a politically repressive government.

The Cuban-American playwright, whose earlier "Anna in the Tropics" won a Pulitzer Prize, sets this story in 1991 Havana, a time when the Soviet Union is collapsing and the shockwaves are having a ripple effect on Cuba.

Two women are confined to their family

home by the heavy-handed Castro regime. Before their house arrest, 36-year-old Maria Celia (Charin Alvarez, as the passionate author whose ideas on change were regarded as revolutionary) and her free-spirited younger sister Sofia (the captivating and dreamy Sandra Delgado), had served a two-year stretch in prison.

Sofia finds sustenance in music, namely the piano. Her naive flirtation with Victor Manuel (Ivan Vega), a workman authorized to tune her piano, gives her a flicker of hope, though it's short-lived. "I've felt frozen in time, saving myself for North America. I feel I haven't lived. I'm stuck here," she moans.

On Stage

Meanwhile, her sister Maria continues to pine for her husband and secretly writes powerful, romantic stories reflective of her culture. "Writing keeps me going," she says.

One of the military police, Lt. Portuondo (Sammy Publes, in an affecting performance, both devilish and angel-like), has a packet of censored letters for Maria from her husband Antonio, who is an exile in Sweden and trying to find a way for her to join him. The lieutenant, in lust with the lonely Maria, strikes up a deal whereby he will read to her some of the mail.

To earn money, the two women knit items for sale. Cruz uses this occupation as a metaphor: "If there's one thing we can learn from all this knitting, it's that you have to go back where you left off ... You have to pick up the lost stitches," says Maria. Her sister observes: "I've lost a whole life of stitches in this house. A whole life. That's what gets to me. So many days gone ... I could knit a whole bedspread for this island with all the lost days."

Henry Godinez directs this finely acted if thinly plotted play. A stunning mural by Pablo Perea dominates the background, depicting rough images of the play's central characters, a piano and a number of trapped white doves.



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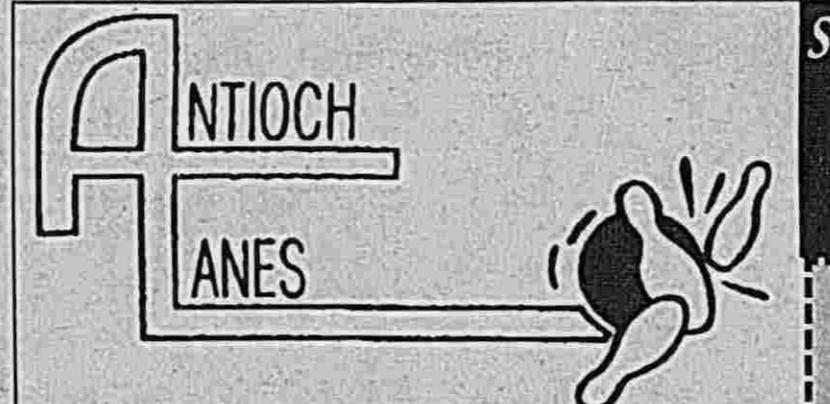
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21st Chicago International Children's Film Festival honors Shel Silverstein, LeVar Burton to host



Chicago International Children's Film Festival (Thursday, Oct. 21 through Sunday, Oct. 31) the largest and longest running festival of children's films in the U.S., hits the ground running in its 21st year with star-studded world premieres and a special tribute to Shel Silverstein, author of such children's classics as *A Light in the Attic* and *Where the Sidewalk Ends*.

The CICFF's Opening Night Tribute highlights the achievements of Shel Silverstein with a never-before-seen film adaptation of *Lafcadio, the Lion Who Shot Back*, brilliantly narrated by Silverstein himself. *Lafcadio* appears in tribute screenings on weekends and weekdays throughout the Festival. "This is an extraordinary opportunity to recognize the achievements of a legendary Chicago author

while giving children the chance to enjoy his work through film," says Director of Children's Programming, Nicole Dreiske.

Two-time Emmy Award winner and Roots star LeVar Burton will serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Opening Night Gala, Thursday, Oct. 21. Burton, also known worldwide as the host of "Reading Rainbow," will attend the Chicago premier of his film *Blizzard*, a classic tale of friendship between Blizzard (voiced by Whoopi Goldberg), the most rebellious and gifted of Santa's reindeer, and an aspiring young skater named Katie. *Blizzard*, featuring Christopher Plummer and Kevin Pollak, plays at 10:45 a.m., Friday, Oct. 22 at the AMC City North 14.

On weekends—Oct. 22-24 and 29-31—the CICFF continues the cinematic celebration with

22 World Premieres, 42 North American Premieres, 30 U.S. Premieres, and 57 Chicago Premieres of the best in children's films. Audiences will enjoy such fun-filled features as *Kart Racer* (Canada) the story of a boy who wants to live up to the go-karting legend of his father (Randy Quaid); *Immediate Boarding* (Sweden), a charming "Parent Trap" story about Martin and Julia, a pair of almost-identical tweens who meet in the Stockholm airport, and trade places with hilarious results; *Taina: A New Amazon Adventure* (Brazil), in which the fearless rainforest warrior, Taina, uses her wits to battle a new generation of eco-villains and *Raining Cats and Frogs* (France), a delightful animated retelling of the *Deluge* story, complete with complaining carnivores and antsy herbivores stuck on an ark with only potatoes to eat.

"By screening 205 films, Chicago audiences will be treated to works which reflect the vision of some truly unique artists," states CICFF Program Director, Jennifer Barker. "It's inspiring to see the care and craft that goes into making these extraordinary films for children."

Festival screenings will be held at 4 locations—Facets Multi-Media, 1517 West Fullerton Avenue; AMC North 14, 2600 North Western Ave.; and the Vittum Theater, 1012 North Noble Street and the Village Burnham Theater, 826 South Wabash Ave. Opening Night Gala festivities will be held at Thorne Auditorium, Northwestern University, 375 East Chicago Avenue and the American Airlines Closing Night Awards Ceremony will be held at the historic Vittum Theater, 1012 North Noble Street.

Admission to film screenings is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Discounts are available for groups or organizations. Advanced ticket sales are available online now via Ticketweb.com. For more information call Kidsfest at 773-281-9075.



Child Evangelism Fellowship and The JESUS Film Project present Lake County KIDS FILM FEST

On Saturday, Oct. 16, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., the Northeast Illinois Chapter of CEF is bringing to Lake County the "Kids Film Fest." This countywide event is for children (ages 6 and up) and their families. The event features the film, "The Story of Jesus for Children" to take place at the Liberty Theatre, 708 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for the two showings, and concessions will be available for purchase. Complimentary tickets for the film will be available from local churches, businesses and at the Liberty Theatre, but are not necessary for admission. Seating is limited.

Through "The Story of Jesus for Children" film, children will be "transported" back 2,000 years to the city of Jerusalem. Benjamin, Caleb, and Sarah will show today's children what it was like to be children when Jesus Christ was on earth, hear the Christmas Story, witness the miracles and much more.

"Our local CEF chapter is part of Child Evangelism Fellowship, the largest worldwide ministry to children," says Eleanor Seegren, local director. "CEF has been telling children about Jesus Christ around the world since 1937. We have teamed up with the film's producer, The JESUS Film Project and Campus Crusade for Christ to bring this film to our area."

CEF-trained staff will oversee each film showing and will be available to provide additional information on future activities for families in the Lake County area. Copies of the video, "The Story of Jesus for Children," will be available for purchase in the lobby following each presentation.

For more information, contact Eleanor Seegren at 847-746-2334.

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'A Night in Casablanca'

The Concord banquet hall in Kildeer will be turned into "A Night in Casablanca" fund-raiser starting at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 9 for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

CASA is the voice of abused and neglected children who appear in the Lake County Juvenile Court. The volunteers also serve as the fact finders for the Juvenile Court judges.

Jackie Kopp of Lake Forest, co-chair of the event with Debbie Gonzalez of Wilmette, said that during the evening, past winners of outstanding volunteer awards and past presidents of the ten year old organization will be recognized. The Hewitt Corporation will receive the first Golden Angel Award from CASA. The event is sponsored by Abbott Laboratories.

Debbie Danti and Debbie Miller, auction co-chairs from Highland Park, said, "Our silent and live auction featuring more than 200 items will include a deluxe outdoor cooking system, an Aga cooking range, both from Oakton Distributors, and a 37-inch plasma wide screen television set from Grant's Appliances."

Delta Airlines donated airplane tickets with a complimentary stay at the Four Seasons in Scottsdale. Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort donated a weekend at the resort along with golf and theatre tickets.

One of the highlights of the auction, she said will be a chauffeured evening in a Mercedes Maybach. Bertucci's in Highwood has donated a party for 30 people. Fine jewelry from Zhu! in Winnetka and from Patricia Locke will also be auction prizes.

Music for this black tie optional event will be by the Roy Vombrack Orchestra. Individual donations are \$150 per ticket although larger tax-free donations will have a special recognition.

For information about the gala event contact CASA at 847-808-9154 or send reservations to the organization at 1020 Milwaukee Ave., Suite 312, Deerfield. The Concord is located at 20922 N. Rand Road, Kildeer.



A fund-raiser to introduce "A Night in Casablanca," a dinner dance and auction was held at Hana K in Glencoe. Pictured here from the left are Debbie Gonzalez of Wilmette, Hana K, Jackie Kopp of Lake Forest and Terri Zener Greenberg of Buffalo Grove and executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates. Gonzalez and Kopp are co-chair of the gala that will turn The Concord in Kildeer into Rick's Cafe Americain. Abbott Laboratories is the sponsor of the black tie optional event and Hewitt Associates will receive a Golden Angel Award from CASA. For information about the affair or about the work of CASA helping abused children call 847-808-9154.



Handmade jewelry by Debbie Herst, left, from her Zhu! of Winnetka store will be one of the highlights of an auction benefiting CASA Lake County and featuring more than 200 items. Also pictured are Debbie Miller and Debbie Danti, both of Highland Park, who are co-chairing the auction and right Terri Zener Greenberg of Buffalo Grove and executive director of Court Appointed Special Advocates. The auction will be held Oct. 9 at The Concord, in Kildeer.

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Brookfield Zoo's Green Sea Turtles return to Hawaii for release to the wild

Brookfield Zoo bid aloha to its four green sea turtles, Triton, Neptune, Bartoleme, and Santiago. Brookfield Zoo partnered with FedEx Express to fly the 5- and 6-year old turtles from O'Hare Airport to Hawaii to be released to the wild.

The young sea turtles have been on loan to Brookfield Zoo from Sea Life Park Hawaii since they were 1- and 2-year-olds to allow them to grow to a larger size in a protective environment. While at Brookfield, the turtles grew from a range of 3 to 19 pounds to 85 to 132 pounds. Because they are much larger than hatchlings, their chances for survival in the wild are greater. Also, exhibiting the turtles at Brookfield and other zoos and aquariums, people on the mainland have an opportunity to learn about marine conservation and the challenges facing sea turtles in the wild.

Once, they return to Hawaii, the turtles will be quarantined for several weeks. After that, they are released into a protective bay, where they will be observed by biologists, who will carefully watch the animals for signs that they can survive ocean life such as foraging and other natural behaviors. Those individuals that appear to be good candidates will be released to the wild.

Green sea turtles are protected under the federal Endangered Species Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild fauna and Flora. Because sea turtles spend their lives at sea, it is not known exactly how many remain in the wild, but it is estimated there are about 200,000 nesting females, where once millions of individuals survived worldwide.

As adults, sea turtles have fewer natural predators, however, chemical pollution, solid waste (such as plastic bags and helium balloons),

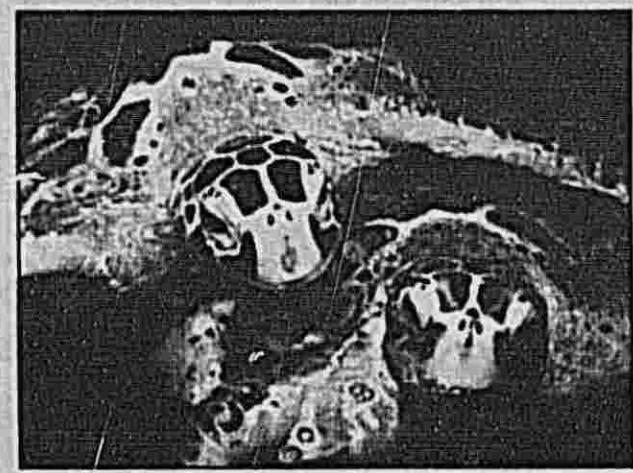
and commercial fishing nets have distressed the species populations. Also, poachers use the sea turtle's skin to make leather goods and jewelry, its meat and eggs for food, and its fat for oil. In addition, seawalls and bright lights from beachfront buildings confuse hatchlings on their way to the sea. These structures may also take up prime nesting spots and scare away females ready to lay eggs. Adult females return to land-usually to the same beach and spot where they were born 20 to 30 years prior-every two to four years to lay their eggs.

Besides the four sea turtles from Brookfield Zoo, seven additional turtles in other states will be returning as well.

For further information and updates on the sea turtles, dive into the zoo's Web site at <http://www.BrookfieldZoo.org/zoolink.aspx?Turtle-Release>.

Brookfield Zoo staff has been in contact with an organization from the state of Florida to discuss the possibility of acquiring a rescued and rehabilitated green sea turtle to display in its Living Coast exhibit.

Brookfield Zoo is known throughout the world for its innovative, naturalistic, multi-species exhibits, its international role in animal population management and wildlife conservation and its devotion to helping people develop a sustainable and harmonious relationship with nature. Open every day of the year, Brookfield Zoo is located off First Avenue between the Stevenson (I-55) and Eisenhower (I-290) expressways, just 14 miles west of downtown Chicago. The zoo is also accessible via the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), Metra commuter line, and PACE bus service.



Neptune and Santiago, two green sea turtles on loan to Brookfield Zoo, were returned to the wild.

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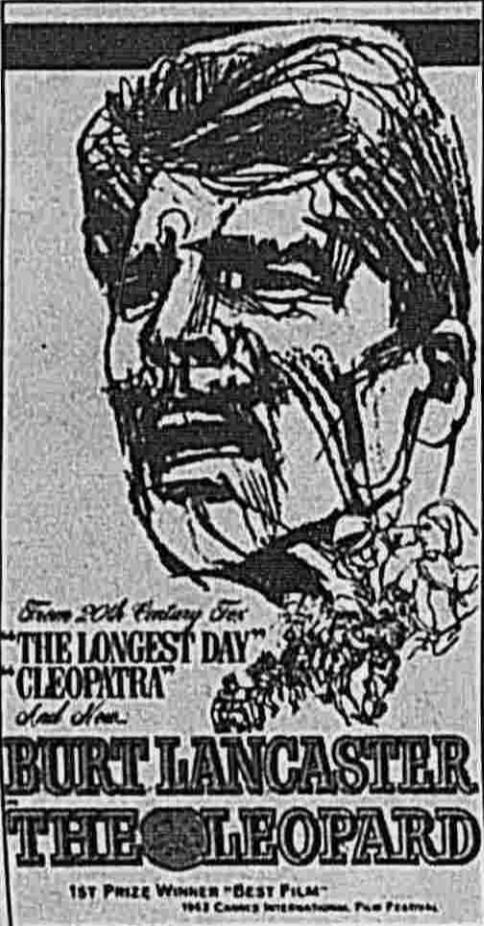
5 - Don't miss this movie!
4 - Wow! I'm impressed
3 - Worth seeing but could've been better
2 - Wait until this movie comes out on video
1 - Someone should be fired for making this movie

MOVIE REVIEW KEY

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under **Now Playing** at www.reelmoviereview.com.

opening this week



The Leopard: Lauded as one of cinema's finest films, "The Leopard" initially suffered insensitive editing (nearly 40 minutes were lopped in the U.S. version) and mangled dubbing before it was finally restored in 1980 to its glorious present state by its original cinematographer Giuseppe Rotunno. **(Not Rated)**

Director Luchino Visconti is faithful to the film's origins, an international bestseller by Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa, which chronicles the turbulence of 1860's Italy as it struggled for unification. In "The Leopard," Burt Lancaster is the aging Sicilian Prince Don Fabrizio Salina, a sage aristocrat who views the changes within his country and himself with a resigned melancholy. At The Music Box for one week only.

still playing

The Motorcycle Diaries (R)

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Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG)

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Tomorrow (PG)

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Shaun of the Dead (R)

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Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry (Not Rated)

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Vanity Fair (PG-13)

4

Bright Young Things (R)

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Wimbledon (PG-13)

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Head in the Clouds (R)

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The Last Shot (R)

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Mr. 3000 (PG-13)

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Chicago International Film Festival playing Oct. 8-14



Nelly is distraught because Manuel has gradually become totally disinterested in her from a sexual point of view over their 12 years of marriage. There is a definite undercurrent to their relationship. Did Manuel die in his sleep or was it a suicide?

The Spectator: A single woman who is a language translator becomes infatuated with a neighbor who relocates to another city in Italy. She follows him there and works her way into the lives of him and his lover, a woman who is older than he is. Was she stalking him? Does he begin to stalk her after she spurns his advances once he and the woman part ways? Bringing it all together is the older girlfriend who has her own reasons for wanting the relationship with the man to go only so far. This film is very much about female independence and support in an unusual way.

overhead, he assumes all of the people looking out of the windows are happy. His dream is to be on one of those planes one day. With the feel of both "City of God" and "Sweet Sixteen," this film captures the grittiness of modern day Bosnia.

This movie is about war and its long-term consequences after the tanks are no longer visible and the soldiers have traded in their uniforms for civilian clothes.



Kontroll: Set entirely in the Budapest subway, this hip film richly deserves its commercial and critically acclaimed status in Europe. We follow the ticket taker teams in the subway and observe how they compete with one another. Many people, both riders and workers seek refuge in this underground world. They are often running from something. Some escape via suicide, others are pushed off the platform onto the tracks by a serial killer. With a hard driving jazz and fusion soundtrack, featuring some outstanding music by Neo, this is a film with an edge, not to be missed. It has an aura of "Donnie Darko" but is a much better film.



The Machinist: Christian Bale works in a small factory where he is blamed for the serious injury of another worker. Little wonder, he's not slept in over a year and his weight has plummeted, causing his frightening gaunt appearance (Christian Bale actually took off 60 pounds for this role). Photographed in a faded type of color, the drained effect matches the wasted existence that Bale and his prostitute girlfriend, Jennifer Jason Leigh, endure. With the feel of a 1940s film noir, this tale of suspense has a payoff at the end, which explains exactly why Bale is acting so strange.

Undertow: David Gordon Green ("George Washington," "All the Real Girls"), is expert at capturing poor white southern culture, without falling into red neck stereotyping. In this story, two young men flee home because they might be suspected of murdering their father. To survive they must not only deal with the law, but with an unscrupulous ex-con uncle.



Summer in the Golden Valley: This coming of age drama is set in Sarajevo and focuses on how people live in a formerly war-torn area as they try to resume normal lives. Fikret is 16 and looking to find his self-esteem and lose his virginity, not necessarily at the same time. He has his eyes on the Ramiz's daughter. Ramiz is a crooked policeman who thinks Fikret is not good enough for her.

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DOOR TO THE FLOOR (R)
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Sat/Sun Matinee 1:00

FIRST DAUGHTER (PG)
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What does it all mean? Not life...the movie



Albert literally wanders the landscape, searching for the meaning of his life. He can't seem to succeed at anything. Enlightenment comes through his involvement with a husband and wife team of existential detectives, Bernard and Vivian; played with an air of metaphysical matter of fact by Dustin Hoffman, and a soft around her usual edges Lily Tomlin. They urge Albert to deconstruct his life, thereby, allowing him to reconnect with who he is and all those around him. Got that?

He particularly wants to know the significance of a tall, African man, who keeps popping up in his life, as a doorman or a passerby. Surprisingly, Bernard and Vivian help Albert peel back the layers to reveal the connection, after a searing and perhaps familiar encounter with his parents. The expression "I feel your pain" may be appropriate here.

But it's more than that, according to the detectives. Your pain is my pain, since we are all one. Tricks of the trade photography help to illustrate that point; as bits and pieces of one character's face begin to meld with another person's as they speak. Then reality sets in and breaks the connection. This might be considered Matrix-Light, or even "What the Bleep do We Know," without the controversy.

Albert has issues with Brad (Jude Law), whom he feels costs him his job in an environmental agency. Brad takes exception to his girlfriend (Naomi Watts) wanting to be considered as more than the sum of her parts. They are very nice body parts, which are being exploited by the conglomerate Huckabees, in their advertising. Tommy (a very funny Mark Wahlberg) is Albert's other, in working through the

dilemmas posed by the detectives; though sometimes he prods Albert along a path he may not be ready for. Then there's Caterine, the beautiful Isabelle Huppert; cunningly presenting all the temptations life has to offer.

What an ensemble of players. What a head-trip. What's going on? If you wish, go with the flow and some of "I Heart Huckabees" may make sense to you. This film will certainly not have broad appeal.

George's Take: What? It's a stretch!

Pam's Take: Ahhh, it makes weird sense to me.

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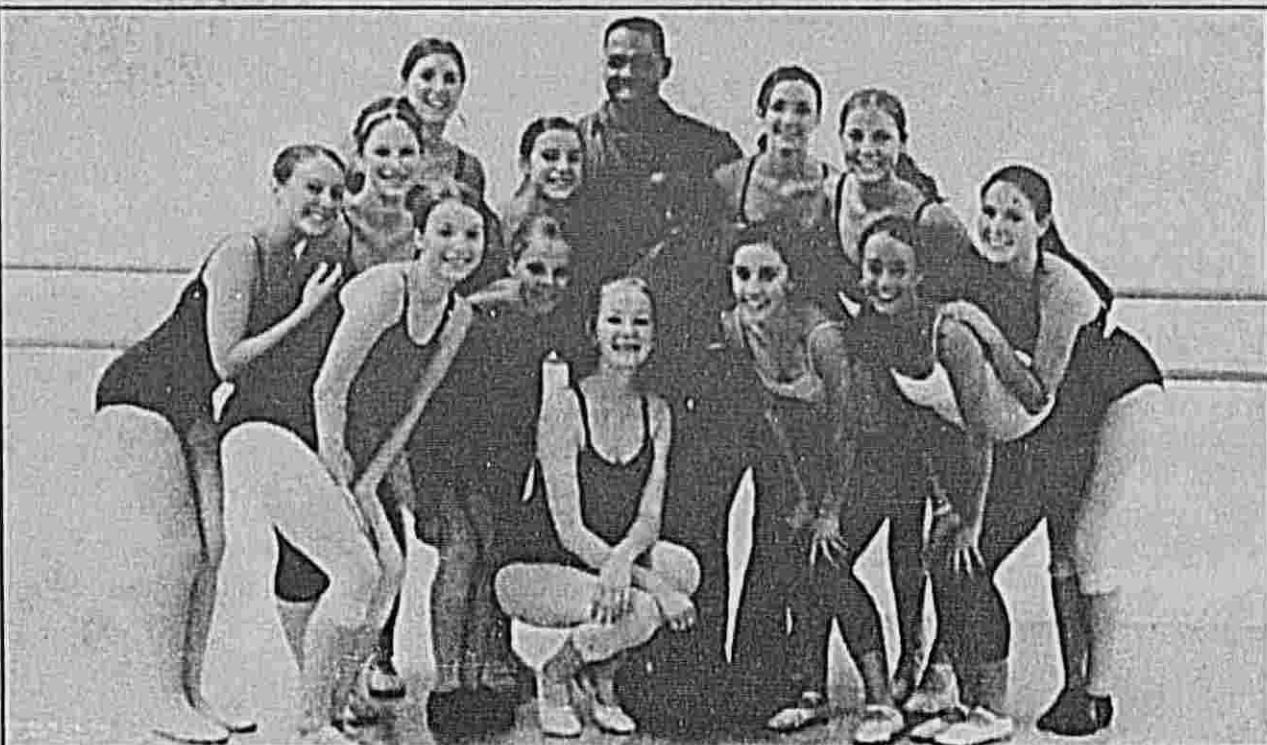
I Heart Huckabees

Review by
Pam & George O. Singleton
at info@reelmoviecritic.com

Cast

Jason Schwartzman
Dustin Hoffman
Lily Tomlin
Jude Law
Naomi Watts
Mark Wahlberg
Isabelle Huppert

Directed by David O. Russell. An existential comedy. Rated R for language and a sex scene. Fox Searchlight. Running time, 106 minutes.



Working together

Renowned master teacher and choreographer Randy Duncan assisted by Jonathon Alsbury, currently a student at Juilliard from Chicago (top center), conducted a master class series at the Barrington Dance Academy. Duncan and Alsbury (top center) are surrounded by members of Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble (BYDE) who participated in the master classes. Listed alphabetically by town: Caitlin Perna, Algonquin; Stephanie Baer, Colleen Doherty, Mary Ellen Richardson, Katelyn Schmidt, Stephanie Schwartz, Shannon Spicer, Stephanie Thierer, and Abby Watson, Barrington; Kelsey Allison, Deer Park; Kate Lamberta, Inverness; and Carly Czach, Palatine.

McHenry County Illinois Genealogy Society to meet

The McHenry County Illinois Genealogical Society's monthly meeting will take place at Bethany Lutheran Church, 76 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct 14.



Brady

If your ancestors marched to the sound of the bagpipes or spoke Doric, this is the evening for you. Those who can call themselves Scots-American are fortunate that the vast majority of records are available on this side of the Atlantic and that the Scots were

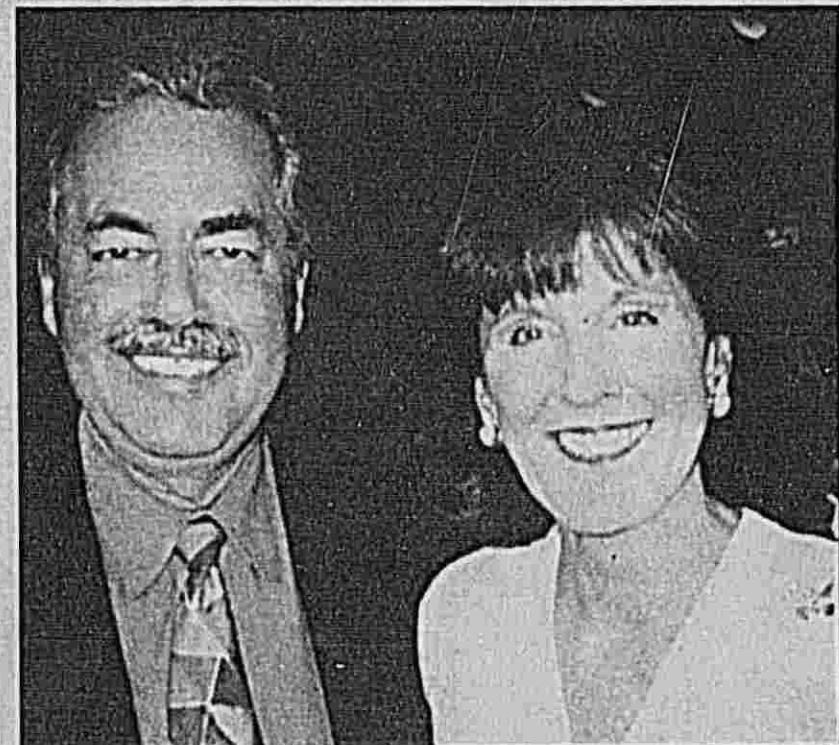
very good record keepers. After a short overview of Scottish history and culture, the presentation by Maureen Brady will focus on the types of records and their availability, both at the local Crystal Lake Family History Center and at the website Scotland's People. Ms. Brady will include examples of how she has traced her family lines from early 20th Century United States to 17th Century Scotland. She can even claim a descent from early Scottish Kings, including Robert the Bruce and James I.

Ms. Brady is a life member of the Aberdeen and Northeast Scotland Family History Society, a member of BIGWILL, the Scottish Genealogy Group of Illinois State. She has made presentations about Scottish family history research to a number of genealogical societies in northern Illinois and at the Illinois Highland Games in Oakbrook. Past director of the Crystal Lake Family History Center and the Buffalo Grove Family History Center, she currently is the Family History Trainer for the Buffalo Grove Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For additional information, visit our website at www.mciogs.org or call 815-455-6872.

Aida and Egypt

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Lyric Opera of Chicago, famed Egyptologist James Stola, a docent at The Field Museum in Chicago, will lecture on Ancient Egypt at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Barrington Area Public Library (505 N. Northwest Hwy.). Following the lecture, Mary Robins will present a synopsis of Aida with musical highlights from the opera. The lectures are free and open to the public. New as well as seasoned opera-lovers are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 847-985-0837.



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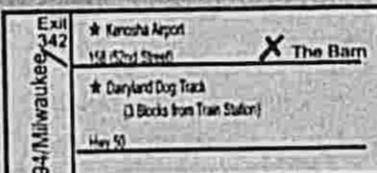
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Art Festival

Chicago Arts Walk and Street Festival

Sixty artists from the East Ukrainian Village neighborhood will exhibit art and open their studios Oct. 9-10 as part of the city-wide Chicago Artists' Month and the second annual East Village Arts Walk. Along with the adult artists, 30-40 budding young artists are expected to participate.

This year the East Village Artist's Walk will be held in partnership with the first annual West Town Chamber of Commerce Street Fair, creating a community spirit between art and business. The Street Fair will take place on Chicago Ave. east of Damen Ave. and will include music, local shops, crafts people and events.

The Arts Walk is the brainchild of artist Layne Jackson, 822 N. Wood, who initiated it last year just to see how many artists resided in the East Ukrainian Village. Last year's walk included 44 artists at 18 different venues. It did so well that it's being repeated this year.

All participating event venues are open from noon to 7 p.m. both Sat. and Sun. Maps of the studio locations will be available at 822 N. Wood, Commercial Park, 1845 W. Rice, at any artist's studio and at the Street Fair, for those who wish to enjoy the self-guided studio tour. Maps are also available online at: <http://www.laynejackson.com>. Images will be available for downloading. For more information regarding this free event, contact Layne Jackson at 312-850-9630 or Alexandra Buxbaum at 312-226-5902. Note: For information on the street fest only, contact Kara Salgado Hughes at the West Town Chamber of Commerce, 312-850-9390.

Bridge

Bridge Classes Start Next Week

Bridge classes led by Ginny Schuett will begin next week at Gorton Community Center, 400 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest.

Beginning Bridge will meet Tuesdays, Oct. 12-Nov. 30, from 1-3 p.m. If you have never played bridge before or you have dabbled in the game but never really felt comfortable with what you were doing, this is the class for you. There will be very little lecture and lots of play.

Refresher Bridge will meet Mondays, Oct. 11 -

Nov. 15, from 1-3 p.m. at Gorton. This class will cover Opening the Bidding - Improving Your Judgment. Hands will be played and then the bidding, play of the hand, and defense will be discussed after completing each hand.

Interested participants should register and pay in advance. The cost of either class is \$100 (book extra). For further information, or to receive a program booklet, call 847-234-6060, go to www.gorton-center.org or stop by the office 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Computers

Ask the Computer Experts

Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts (LCACE) will host "Ask The Experts," a question and answer session open to all computer users, at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Ln., Sat., Oct. 9 from 12:30-3 p.m. This forum allows participants to have questions answered by knowledgeable members. Computers will be set up for hands-on tutorials.

LCACE, a nonprofit educational organization, promotes computer literacy among users of all computers. The group provides an opportunity to mingle with computer users of all levels—novice, hobbyist and professional.

You're guaranteed to learn something at the meeting, and you can become part of this "Members Helping Members" group. Membership in LCACE is open to anyone with an interest in computing. There are neither age limitations nor geographic restrictions for membership. Only a genuine interest in computers is required. For more information, please call Dwight (J.J.) Johnson at 847-623-3815 or visit www.lcace.org.

Education

Dominican Graduate School Fair

Dominican University will host a Graduate School Fair on Wed., Oct. 13 from 3-6 p.m. in the Social Hall, 7900 W. Division Street, River Forest. The fair is designed to provide information about graduate school entrance requirements, tuition and financial aid.

Representatives from the following colleges and universities will be present: Chicago Kent College of Law, DePaul University, Eastern Illinois University, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Northern Illinois University School of Nursing, St. Louis University, Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine, The John Marshall Law School, the University of Illinois at Urbana and Valparaiso University School of Law.

For more information about the Fair, please contact Keli Wojciechowski, Director of Internships, at 708-524-6827.

Environment

Seafood Choices Protect the Ocean

In conjunction with National Seafood Month in October, Shedd Aquarium is hosting a month-long "Right Bite" sustainable seafood celebration, including the aquarium's annual "Right Bite" weekend seafood festival, Oct. 9-11. The aquarium-wide event features samples of deliciously prepared fresh sustainable seafood, as well as family-oriented activities and presentations on Sat., Oct. 9-Mon., Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. John G. Shedd Aquarium is at 1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago. To learn more go to www.sheddaquarium.org

Family Fun

Fall Jamboree

Wauconda Park District announces its fourth annual Fall Jamboree will be held Sun., Oct. 10 from 12:00 p.m.-6 p.m. in Coot Park. The family event will feature activities that include a pumpkin run, a family scarecrow contest, hay rides, inflatable rides and music contests for the whole family. The following is a schedule of events: antique tractor display, fun rides, food and refreshments noon-6 p.m.; DJ Wayne Ewing with music and contests noon-4 p.m.; face painting 1-2 p.m., Steve Jordan, magician 2-3 p.m.; the scarecrow building contest 12:30-4 p.m.; and Jiggle the Handle, a fun-rocking blues band 4-6 p.m. For information, please call Tim Staton at 847-526-3610.

Festival

Oktoberfest Arrives in Mundelein

Oktoberfest, sponsored by Lakeland Media, will be held Fri.-Sat., Oct. 15-16 from 6 p.m.-midnight, in the outside tent at Crossroads of Ivanhoe (Rt. 83 & Rt. 60), Mundelein. "Prost!" "The keg is tapped," so hop to it and start celebrating! Only \$7. Taste the German cuisine, German Bier and dance all night to live music by the Austrian Express and Die Lustigen Musikanten. Call 847-223-8161 ext. 104 for additional information.

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and more. Come meet many experts in the health profession and win a "Make Me Over" package from Salon Le Beau. Call 847-223-1044 ext. 104 for additional information.

Holiday Event

Sukkah Celebrates Harvest Holiday

In honor of the Jewish harvest holiday Sukkot, the National Council of Jewish Women has created its annual sukkah display at the Regenstein Fruit & Vegetable Garden. It closes Fri., Oct. 8. Sukkot, or "The Festival of Booths," celebrates the end of the harvest and the days when the Hebrews dwelt in the wilderness before entering the Promised Land. The sukkah, a vine-covered booth, is decorated with fall fruits and vegetables, including dried corn, squash and gourds. For information on the sukkah, call 847-835-5440 or visit www.chicagobotanic.org.

Road Trip

Autumn Drive 2004

The 17th Annual Garden Valley Road Autumn Drive Sale will be on Oct. 15, 16, and 17 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, rain or shine. Win door prizes from Woodstock Opera House or Pirro's Restaurant and Banquet Facility. Lunch and snacks are available.

Eleven homes are open to the public in rural Woodstock. Items for sale include: antiques, collectibles, pottery, arts, crafts, produce, pumpkins and more. Garden Valley Rd. is three miles long and is located one mile north of Rt. 176, four miles east of Rt. 23 and four miles west of Rt. 47, about half an hour from 1-90. Please contact Coordinator Lois Grasser at 815-923-2415 to learn more.

Storytelling

Apple River Fort program

Visitors can learn to tell stories from one of the best during a workshop Sat., Oct. 16 at Apple River Fort State Historic Site in Elizabeth, Illinois.

"His-story and Her-story-Too—Storytelling as a Tool in Historical Interpretation" will be conducted by Brian "The Fox" Ellis 10 a.m.-noon at Apple River Fort Interpretive Center for only \$10. Please call 815-858-2028 to register. Participants will collect oral histories, do research and turn field notes into dynamic literature. "By the end of the session, participants will gain a deeper understanding of themselves within the context of their cultural history," said Ellis.

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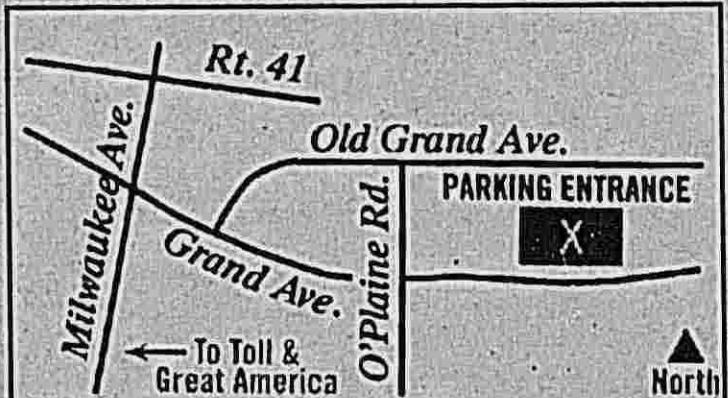
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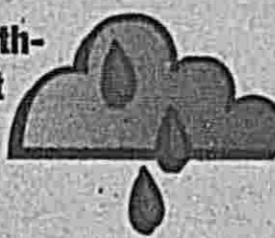
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Your thoughts
on this week's
hot topic

Q: "What was your favorite homecoming memory (when you were in high school)?"

By Sandy Bressner & John Dickson



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"The bonfire
the Friday
night before
homecoming."



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"That was 25
years ago. I
don't remember
anything."



JUDY
RICHARDT
Gurnee

"The pep rallies, the dance
and watching the marching
band."



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"I went to an all
guys high
school. I don't
think we had
homecoming."



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"The school
spirit that went
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whole event,
and all the fun
activities that
were planned
and well
attended."



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Waukegan

"One of the
best times I
had was work-
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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Carolyn Kozak is congratulated by a friend after being crowned Libertyville High School's 2004 Homecoming Queen during the school's pep rally.

State Rep. race could be messier than primary

Churchill wants to
put a stop to
mudslinging

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter



CHURCHILL

After overcoming his Republican primary opponent Fernando Salazar in March in what some political observers called the most negative primary in Lake County's history, incumbent District 62 State Rep. Bob Churchill (R-Hainesville) is calling on his Democratic opponent to stop her negative campaign tactics.

"I was very disappointed to hear from many of my constituents this week that they received push-poll calls. Instead of talking about the issues that face the voters of Lake County—Miss (Sharyn) Elman and the rest of her Chicago Democrat cronies have hired a firm from Manitoba, Canada to call the voters in our community and, under the guise of a

non-biased poll, asked them leading questions that create false impressions," Churchill said.

According to Churchill, a push poll is a telemarketing technique in which telephone calls are used to canvass voters while feeding them false and damaging information about a candidate. The intent is to push voters away from one candidate and toward the opposing candidate.

"No serious and legitimate public servant should have to use push-polling to win an election," Churchill said.

He added that he is challenging Elman from this point on to run a purely issue-oriented campaign that focuses on the issues that matter to the citizens of Lake County. "A campaign that focuses on personal attacks is a campaign that turns voters off to the political process. Before this mudslinging gets any worse, I would hope Miss Elman would join me in a public promise to stay focused on the issues," Churchill said.

For her part, Elman said she is not doing any negative campaigning.

"I am going door to door six to eight hours



ELMAN

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Coroner draws fire

County workers say Keller's
claims are just campaign rhetoric

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Lake County Coroner Jim Wipper has been criticized by an opposing political candidate for performing and accepting money for cremations while employed by the coroner's office, and public calls for an investigation may lead to the state Attorney General's involvement.

The coroner's opponent in the November election, Dr. Richard Keller, decried the Republican

incumbent's actions as unethical and possibly illegal at a news conference Monday in Waukegan.

Keller called for an investigation into Wipper's actions as a "funeral director without a funeral home," as well as his admitted operation of county-owned vehicles for personal business.

But several county residents who have worked with Wipper fired back at his opponent, accusing Keller of playing political games and insisting that Wipper performed



WIPPER



KELLER

thankless tasks for little or no pay.

Many funeral homes won't perform cremations for indigent people because of the real risk of losing money, said Kevin Kristan, owner of the Kristan Funeral Home in

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Absentee ballots expected to rise as election looms

By Nicholas Alajak

Staff Reporter

When Election Day comes around next month, Helen Camerer will be too busy to get to the polls. As an employee in the Lake County Circuit Clerk's office, she will spend nearly all of Nov. 2 at work, helping to ensure elections in Lake County run smoothly.

But Camerer wants to vote and understands the importance of voting. That's why, she said, she will be filling out an absentee ballot in her hometown of Kenosha, Wis. Camerer will not be alone in voting absentee next month. In fact, nearly 20,000 people in Lake County—more than any recent election—are expected to vote with an absentee ballot next month.

From the incarcerated to the incapacitated, residents must qualify in one of seven major categories to get an absentee ballot, said Cindy Pagano, chief deputy clerk for the Lake County Circuit Clerk's office.

The reasoning varies, Pagano said. Anyone who expects to be absent from Lake County on Nov. 2 may vote absentee, as may any college or university students tem-

"Everybody's vote
counts. I think it's
important that
people feel it
all counts."

—Cindy Pagano
Chief Deputy Clerk
Lake County Clerk's Office

porarily residing away from their home precincts.

Those helping with elections may also vote absentee. Like Camerer, anyone who will be serving as election judge or official, or anyone employed by a County Clerk or law enforcement agency qualifies.

Anyone serving jury duty, or observing a religious holiday on Nov. 2 may also do so. As can anyone who is permanently or temporarily incapacitated or hospitalized. Someone who is in jail as a pre-trial detainee may also vote.

Those who are serving sentences for felony convictions may not vote, Pagano said.

The absentee process becomes more popular during presidential elections, Pagano said. As of last Friday, 10,134 people in Lake County had already requested an absentee ballot. That number is expected to hit 20,000, Pagano said. During the March primaries only 4,850 absen-

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Mundelein.

"Jim's actually doing the county and the people a favor, in accepting these cases and prosecuting them."

Lake County Public Guardian Joseph Vogler said that Wipper performed the cremations for free in several instances over the past two decades, and attributes allegations of improper behavior to "the political season."

"He's going to do the best job he can, not to line his pockets, but to help somebody," he said of Wipper.

Kristan said that any public aid cremations that Wipper may have performed in the past would have netted him at most "a couple hundred dollars," much lower than the \$850 claimed by Keller.

The Lake County State's Attorney's Office has requested that the Illinois Attorney General's Office conduct an investigation, said Meg Marcouiller, head of the office's civil division. "Under the circumstances, I think it's appropriate," she said.

The county state's attorney represents the coroner's office by law, and hopes to transfer the formal investigation to the state in order to avoid any perception of a conflict of interest, Marcouiller said.

The information regarding the cremations was brought forward by former coroner's office investigator Kevin Smith, who claimed that Wipper ordered him to personally transport bodies in county-owned vehicles Lakes Crematory in Lake Villa. Smith worked for more than 13 years in the office, and was fired after a poor evaluation in 2001.

The coroner cremated between two and 10 bodies per year during the last decade he worked in the office, Smith said, and he said he believed that the procedure was performed on residents on public aid as well as indigents.

"He's getting reimbursed by the state for this," Smith said. "It's like getting two paychecks."

Wipper declined to comment due to his legal counsel's advice, but was defended vociferously by Vogler, who said he referred eight cases to Wipper in the past six years, all of them concerning deceased indigents people. Wipper formerly worked as a funeral director at Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake.

The state of Illinois will reimburse funeral directors \$1,000 for the \$150 cremation of a person on public aid, but Vogler said that money to

cremate or bury unclaimed, indigent persons must be requested locally. The total payment may be far less than \$1,000.

"If you find a corpse that is 22 years old and died of an overdose and has no family and is homeless, you probably end up having to go to the county board to get this funeral paid for," Vogler said.

Wipper was asked to cremate corpses only when funeral homes would not perform the procedure due to excessive costs, said Vogler, who doesn't believe he has referred any cases to the coroner since last year.

The ashes of cremated residents are placed into plastic containers and held after the procedure, and Vogler and Wipper both maintain several containers in their offices. Vogler said that after three years of being held, the remains are scattered at a cemetery.

The claim that funeral homes would not handle some of the indigent deaths was rebuked by Keller, who said that such cremations do not present a higher cost. The Democratic candidate also expressed doubt that Wipper cremated any of the corpses free of charge.

At the conference, held in downtown Waukegan, Keller claimed that the coroner's actions demonstrated "a callous disrespect for the deceased and the religious and cultural traditions they might have had. Mr. Wipper's actions degrade his office and compromise the public trust."

The challenger criticized Wipper for "profiting from the death of poor people," and said that his opponent comes across as "feeling entitled to making this money."

Keller issued several challenges to his opponent that he said were necessary to inform the public of how the coroner conducted his business. He called for Wipper to identify the personnel who operated the county-owned vehicles to transport bodies for cremations, and name any other workers who assisted him during the cremations to discern how much time county workers spent on his private business.

The costs incurred by using the county-owned vehicles were likely balanced by Wipper in his other duties, said Kristan. He claimed that the coroner makes home phone calls to locations throughout the country in order to speak to deceased peoples family members, but never submits a bill to the county.

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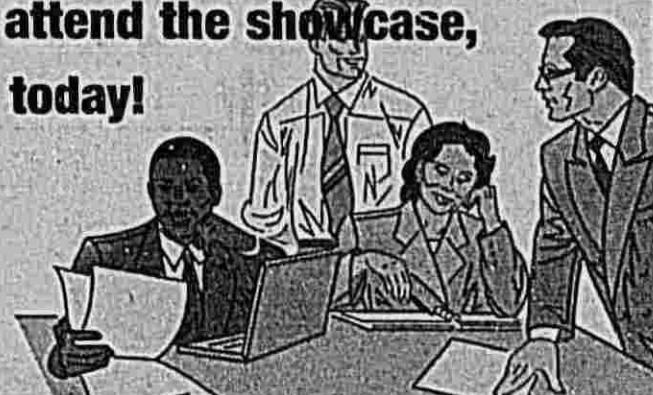
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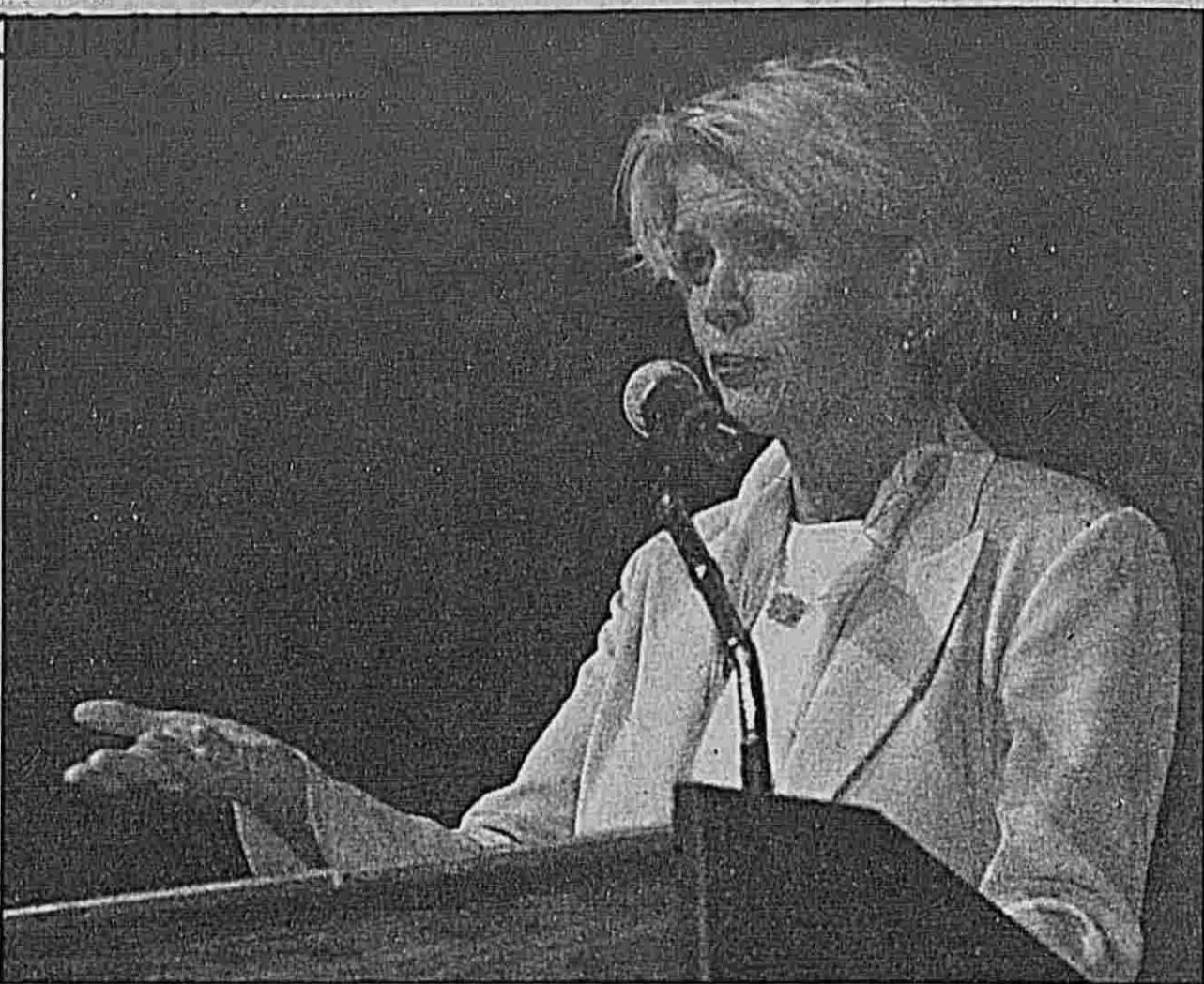


Photo by John Dickson

Emmy-nominated actress Meredith Baxter spoke of her personal story on surviving breast cancer as the keynote speaker for Condell Hospital's Women's Pearl of Health Lecture series.

Students set goals for better lives

By Kyle Schmitt

Staff Reporter

Their youth members may struggle with schoolwork and outside conflicts, but the staff at the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County refuse to allow students not to try for something better.

"There's something for everyone, but the underlying theme is, 'Achieve, achieve, achieve,'" said Dianne Daluga, the agency's resource development coordinator.

With the school year well underway, club members will soon find another way to work toward their goals and improve their lives. The Goals for Graduation program will begin soon for the fall semester, and give hundreds of local children the opportunity to achieve greater academic success and control over their futures.

The club will hold an "I Can Achieve" academic pledge rally at the main Lake County club location at 724 S. Genesee, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 8. Students ages six to 15 will be encouraged to make a pledge to improve their academic performance for the upcoming school year, and sign a pledge card for display at the club.

A Boys & Girls Club professional and a parent or guardian will also sign each child's pledge card to demonstrate their commitment to support the club member's efforts to reach new goals. The program is paid for by a \$1,000 grant from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund.

The Goals program is beginning its third year, and has helped numerous students achieve personal growth and better performances in school. Working with club staff, each child develops three sets of goals: simple "know-I-can" goals, "think-I-can" goals that require greater sacrifice and work and yearly "believe-I-can" goals.

The club provides after-school activities for almost 600 local children, nearly all of who come from Gurnee, Waukegan, Zion and North Chicago.

Most of the children in the club come from impoverished households, and programs teaching subjects such as drama, music and martial arts give them a place to go and something constructive to do when school lets out. The allure of gangs makes drawing students into the program difficult at times. "You've got to pass them everyday to get into the club," Daluga said.

Volunteer tutors help bring back the students, building friendships with the participants as well as helping them with schoolwork. "We'll continue to motivate this child to want to learn to solve any problem he's having."

The goal program has led to new achievements and horizons for Tommie Hayes, the clubs two time youth of the year. The North Chicago Community High School junior has come to the Boys & Girls Club for four years, and credits the staff and tutors for helping him begin to realize his potential.

"They gave me different materials I need for school, and a chance to go places I'd never been able to go," he said, noting that he will attend the Universal Soul Circus in Chicago for the first time on Sunday as part of a club trip.

He participated in Goals for Graduation for the first time last year. The program gave him the motivation and focus to meet his goal of raising his GPA, and he hopes to maintain his good grades again this year.

Though he reached last year's goals, the club staff continues to push Hayes to accomplish more. He hopes to attend college after graduating from high school, and frequently utilizes club computers to search for college and scholarship information on-line.

Hayes remembers the people who helped him improve his grades and learn how to be a leader, and tries to visit the club four days a week to give back. "It's the kids that get me here everyday," he said.

The cost to join the Boys & Girls Club of Lake County is \$5 for the whole year. For more information, call 847-249-4878.

Survivor brings domestic violence out of shadows

Severely beaten and left to die, duct-taped into a garbage can in an unheated storage garage, Teri Jendusa-Nicolai has a message of hope, strength, and a will to survive for battered women everywhere. Jendusa-Nicolai, who clung to life with a will and strength she did not know she possessed, will bring her story of survival and an outstretched hand to others still living in the shadow of domestic violence to the 25th annual meeting of A Safe Place on Oct. 18, at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort in Lincolnshire.

The public is invited to hear Teri's personal

account of surviving domestic violence and what she believes we all must do to encourage and support battered women and their children. Highlights of the program will include a preview of A Safe Place's Transitional Living program, One Safe Place, currently under construction and scheduled to open in 2005, and announcement of the selection of Purple Ribbon Communities for 2004. Reservations may be made with a credit card by phone by calling 847-249-5147. Ticket prices are \$85 each. Sponsorship tables of 10 are \$1,250.

Longest-tenured judge to retire

The judge with the longest tenure on the bench in Lake County is retiring. Associate Judge Terrence J. Brady has tendered his resignation from active service effective Dec. 31.

"Terry Brady is an expert in civil law," commented Chief Judge Margaret Mullen. "He has handled some of the most complex cases and some of the largest verdicts in this county. He is also a great utility infielder who can handle any courtroom. Terry has a great wit and someone we love to have as part of the team. It is a great loss to this courthouse and to the people of Lake County to have him move on but we understand and wish Terry well."

Brady, appointed in May 1977 by then Chief Judge Fred H. Geiger, has served on the bench in all areas of the law including criminal and civil jury trials, chancery, probate, divorce, small claims, traffic and misdemeanor. He is currently assigned as backup judge to the civil division where he has served for several years particularly because he is known for his success in settling cases, many that have been complex and would otherwise have taken weeks to try. He is highly respected by lawyers who appear before him as well as litigants.

Born in Chicago, Brady grew up in McHenry County first attending St. Mary's Grade School and then McHenry Community High School. He attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. where he received his undergraduate degree. He earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1968 from the University of Illinois Law School.

Admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1969, Brady began his law career as an attorney with the firm of Zukowski and Zukowski in Crystal Lake. In 1970 he came to Waukegan to join the law firm then known as Morrison and Nemanich where he worked until his appointment as associate judge in 1977. He also served as a part-time hearing officer for the Illinois Pollution Control Board from 1972-1977.

Terry Brady and his wife, Debra, have two daughters and reside in the Libertyville area.

CLC hits highest enrollment mark

College of Lake County President Gretchen J. Naff reported that 15,866 students were enrolled in credit courses this fall, the highest enrollment in the college's history.

Naff provided a report on fall enrollment during the monthly meeting of the board of trustees.

Seventy-three percent of the college's credit students are less than 35 years old, 46 percent are enrolled in a baccalaureate transfer program and 36 percent in a career degree program. And reflecting the fact that community colleges often serve first-generation college students, 71 percent of credit students this fall have parents who did not graduate from a four-year college.

In other action, the board also approved presidential search materials, identifying the qualifications and ideal characteristics the college would like to find in a new president as well as challenges and opportunities facing the college. The preferred minimum qualifications for applicants are administrative experience at an institution of higher education, teaching experience in an institution of higher education and an advanced degree from a regionally accredited university.

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Debating points matter of viewpoint

One thing about those perplexing presidential television debates: They do get people talking. And, hopefully, thinking. Yes, Mr. and Mrs. America, there will be an election Tuesday, Nov. 2, and our president and leader of the free world will be selected for the next four years. No small order ahead for citizens.

For the most part, the debates go a long way toward firming up or validating thoughts voters already have about the candidates. In this case, the country is pretty evenly divided about whether U.S. Sen. John F. Kerry will give the nation a new look and new ideas in the Oval Office or we'll be getting more of the same from President George W. Bush. Pundits tell us the undecideds are shrinking, maybe even making up their minds. The U.S. is polarized. What's wrong with that? If they've been watching, listening and reading, maybe Americans just might have their minds made up. They already know how they're going to vote.

So Americans and potential voters are talking and thinking about the election. That's good. Democracy is at work. We find it somewhat dismaying, though, that the evaluation of the debates—and to a degree the selection process—rests much too heavily on style. If debates are a beauty contest, decided on style, Kerry, scowl and jowl and all, probably had an edge. But the two gentlemen vying for the world's most difficult job were speaking words. And words have meaning. The test should be not on how they said it, but what they said. Give Kerry an edge on style in the first debate. Give President points on what he said. Kerry had a great deal to say, to be sure, but a lot of his views were contradictory and some were out and out balderdash. The president used less words to say a lot more, in our opinion. That might have something to do with his upbringing in Texas.

The way political television debates are structured gives the challenger an edge, in our view. The challenger can come out swinging with no holds barred. The incumbent has to both respond to the questions and get a few points across at the same time. A much more difficult job. In the brief time of a television debate, whoppers can get glossed over. Lincoln and Douglas debated for hours. Citizens stayed to the bitter end. A humdrum TV debate can be turned off, like a boring Super Bowl game. We all know how to change the channels. But how are we changing the country?

Past a lively part of present county

One of the distinctive qualities of Lake County residents is a keen interest in our heritage, preserving what went on in the past to remind us where we came from and where we are today.

Strong evidence of the spirit of preservation abounds. An ever present example of how Lake Countians are willing to support beliefs with their pocketbooks is the continued growth and development of the Lake County Forest Preserve District. Time and time again, electors have voted to increase their taxes to fund the purchase of additional public open space, both for recreation and enhancement of the environment.

From all corners of the county come examples of this preservation instinct. Downtown revitalization is an example of modern day residents interested in providing a link to the past. The past was characterized by small towns dotting a rolling countryside separated by crop lands and pastures for the dairy herds that provided a strong underpinning to the local agricultural based economy.

To their credit in our eyes, local officials have supported downtown revitalization, reviving the main street atmosphere that provided both a social structure and a hub for goods and services. In some cases, Gurnee and Lincolnshire come to mind, downtowns are being created where they never existed.

To be sure, every old building is not worth saving just because it's old. But the urge to provide a viable link between the rural past and the urban present is strong.

The instinct to save and protect is not confined to any specific area of the county. Waukegan's efforts to rehabilitate the venerable Genesee Theater provide headlines, but for every Genesee there are small projects being conducted by community historical societies to do essentially the same thing. After much debate, Libertyville appears to be headed on a course to

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VIEWPOINT

Sheriff Grinnell a standard setter



Bill Schroeder

Publisher

In more than a half century, only two Lake County sheriffs left office without the taint of scandal following them. One was Clinton "Clint" Grinnell whose funeral held last Saturday with an outpouring of tribute and honors due a revered public official.

While holding office, first as an appointee and then elected on his own, Sheriff Grinnell set a high bar for standards of personal conduct for a highly visible elected position where a wink or a nod can be rewarded handsomely. He saw himself as a lawman, not a politician. Interestingly, Clint adapted to the public demands of being the county's No. 1 law enforcement officer, a figure in the public eye. With his wife, Marion, at his side, the Grinnells were fixtures at public and political gatherings throughout the county. The public was drawn to Clint for his honesty, decency and down-to-earth manner.

Clint may be the only Lake County sheriff who "worked the barns" at the annual Lake County Fair. He served for many years as a livestock department head. Even in ill health in recent years, the late sheriff took a spot in one of the fair barns to greet long-time friends and help out as well as he could. His hobby was farming and his prize possessions were a team of matched Belgian draft horses. Sheriff Grinnell was generous in making the team available for parades and public events, often pulling a wagon loaded with children.

After Army service in Germany, Clint joined the Libertyville Police Dept. He worked his way up to chief of police with the attributes that served him well as sheriff. Quietly competent. Considerate. Decent. Never seeking limelight. Local law

enforcement and public service was in his blood and he couldn't resist a call to help rejuvenate the sheriff's department. In a political masterstroke, Mickey Babcox made the unprecedented pre-election announcement that Clint Grinnell would join him if elected as under sheriff. Grinnell's reputation for honesty and integrity helped seal a Babcox victory.

A personal note: Clint Grinnell was a friend of this columnist from boyhood. It was a thrill to see him climb the ladder of success in law enforcement and become a respected public leader. The life-long friendship was a treasure.

Sweet picture

Goelitz Confectionary Co., a long-time Lake County business noted for supplying President Reagan's favorite snack, has made its famed jelly bean portrait of the late president available to the public. The 6 feet high and 4 feet wide work of jelly bean art is on loan for a limited time to the downstate City of Eureka, where Reagan went to college. This is the last time the jelly bean picture will be put on loan, according to Goelitz. The portrait is the work of San Francisco artist Peter Rocha.

Park Memorial

The Virginia Park Memorial Fund has been established at Country Meadows School, Long Grove, to purchase books. Virginia Park was a noted Lake County historian, community activist and who formerly wrote political commentary for Lakeland Newspapers. The books will be located in the William B. Park Learning Center at the school, named for her husband. Contributions, tax deductible, can be sent to

the school at 6360 Gilmer Road, Long Grove, IL 60047. Virginia Park died this summer at age 94.

Protecting jet passengers

Eddie Biske, retired Northern Illinois Gas Co. field man, wonders why airlines haven't equipped their airplanes with engine screens that would ward off dangerous birds? Biske gave thought to the ever present danger to air travel after a recent incident at O'Hare International where an airliner was forced to return after an engine ingested a large bird. He built a model screen. "It seems so simple. The screen could be withdrawn after take off like wing flaps," Biske observed. There is a report that 360 lives have been lost since 1960 when jets crashed after birds were sucked into the engines during take off.

Going wild

Things will definitely be lively this year at the annual College of Lake County Foundation annual gala Saturday, Oct. 23. Theme of the fund raising dinner, live auction and dance will be "Wild About Education." That means that a Harley Davidson motorcycle to be given away will fit the occasion. The event will be held at the Field Museum with wild animal exhibits as back drops. For biker fans, the prize Harley will be a 2005 XL 883 Sportster Low. Definitely on the wild side.

"Coydogs" complicate woes

Complicating Lake County's coyote problem is a tendency of feral males

(domesticated dogs living wild) to breed with female coyotes. The offspring are known as "coydogs." They're usually larger than full blood coyotes who tend to weigh 35 to 40 pounds at well fed adulthood. Coydogs have one nasty characteristic, according to Dr. Ed Sullivan Sr., Mundelein veterinarian. The "coys" don't fear humans, like coyotes, and they hunt near human habitation when they get hungry, meaning they'll scavenge garbage cans, track down food scraps and pillage. Coyotes typically run in packs because they are shy and cowardly. Coyotes will rotate their territory, depending on the available food supply. Coydogs run at random, giving support to the notion that the half breeds could be responsible for some misdeeds attributed to coyotes.

One man's family

In our family, children learn about helping with household chores at an early age. Four seems to be about right for a start. Grandma gets granddaughters involved in the kitchen. Baking cookies is a great starter. Gramp introduces the boys to "projects." John got his start when he was 4 or 5 with a garage painting job, complete with a small brush to fit his little hand and a tiny paint bucket. (Nope. He wasn't allowed to climb a ladder). Tommy, age 4, helped spread soil the other day, his first "project." He was presented a brand new pint-sized shovel for the occasion. Did right well, too. Those early work learning experiences make for fond memories at family get-togethers. Even the jokes about "slave driving" grandparents.

PARTYLINES

GOP service unit to honor Johnson

Cheryl Johnson is one of 10 graduates this year of the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series, an organization that offers training, recognition for women involved in community affairs and fosters female candidates in the Republican Party.

Johnson is executive director of the Lake County Republican Federation.

A large delegation of Lake County residents will be on hand for graduation ceremonies Thursday evening, Oct. 14, at Park Ridge Country Club.

Johnson is a resident of Lake Forest. She is a native of Houston, TX.

Attorney discord

Hassling over attorney for the Barrington village board could continue until the spring municipal elections. Five trustees oppose **Mayor Marshall Reagle's** nominee.

There also is opposition to a new ordinance establishing the attorney's duties and responsibilities. The position of village attorney is fairly new in Barrington, coming into being a year ago. The village has been receiving legal service from a variety of law firms, contracting with lawyers on a case-by-case basis. Reagle indicated he may offer a nominee every meeting and see what happens.

Taste of politics

One of the most popular events of the year for Republicans will take place at 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, when **State Sen. William Peterson** (R-Kildeer) holds his annual fall fund-raiser brunch at Marriott Lincolnshire. Besides a delicious brunch in an attractive setting, Peterson has established a precedent by keeping speech making to a minimum. Reservations are required by calling Jan Zobus at 847-945-5127. Another tasty event is on the GOP calendar for Sunday, Oct. 24, when **County Board Rep. Pam Newton** (R-Vernon Hills) sponsors a champagne brunch at Gridley's in Long Grove. There also will be a silent auction to benefit the Illinois Assn. of Park Districts. Additional information can be obtained by calling 847-212-8188.

Day for Bertie

A committee is making arrangements for a day of recognition for **Alberta "Bertie" Miller**, former supervisor of Grant Township (Fox Lake/Ingleside). With a purchase of 40 acres 30 years ago and establishment of a funding mechanism, Miller launched what turned out to be the Field of Dreams, an extensive playing field for youth sports and a community recreation area. Miller will be honored at a reception and dedication at 1

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Johnson: Gains recognition for leadership in politics.



Miller: Big dividends for foresight as supervisor.

p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24. The main public meeting room in the adjacent administrative center officially will be named the Bertie Miller Town Meeting Room, Supervisor Kay Starostovic announced.

Knows his limits

Mundelein Police **Chief Ray Rose**, active in a variety of community affairs and often called upon for public speaking, admitted that he's sometimes referred to as "Rambling Rose." Chief Rose not only is a respected law enforcement official, but he also has a lively sense of humor.

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give new life to the old Brainerd High School building. Bonner Farm in Lindenhurst is opening this fall with exhibits of what farm life was like in Lake County 100 years ago. Cuneo Museum stands as a remarkable example of the opulent mansions built around the county by wealthy families. The village of Lake Villa's acquisition of the Lehman Mansion for a new life stands as a good example of public monies being put to good purpose. In the incubative stage are plans to recreate on Forest Preserve property near Antioch a living mid-century farmstead with livestock and growing crops so children and their parents can see first-hand how Lake County farm families lived in the 1930s and 1940s. Not all restoration springs from public funding. Millions and millions of dollars of private funds have been spent to rehabilitate century-old North Shore mansions, some for public use, but many still for private use. Still in the private sector is the rehabilitation of the Mineola Hotel in Fox Lake, which stands as a living monument to a bygone era when the Chain O'Lakes was an unparalleled spot for summer vacationing on the water. The Lake County Museum in Wauconda stands as an ever changing story of Lake County of the past and a depository for a world-class display of picture post cards.

In Lake County, the past is never very far from the present and future. We like it that way. The strong instincts for preservation of the local heritage make us a distinctive community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sign rule at odds with 1st Amendment

We recently received a notice from the Village of Grayslake regarding a political sign that had been put up on our property too early. At first, I thought it must have been a joke; a prank by those in favor of the opposing candidate. But this had a sticker from the Village of Grayslake so maybe it was for real. A copy that I requested of the sign ordinance confirmed that this was no joke.

What I don't understand is who would have ever been associated with this small portion of the sign ordinance that is in direct opposition to the First Amendment. I suspect that this ordinance has never been tested in court. In our society, misguided individuals can burn American flags as their free expression but, in Grayslake, we can't put a small candidate sign in our front yard two months in advance of the election—something is very wrong.

The sign ordinance covers everything from residential and shopping center signs to where signs can be located and how they shall not interfere with moving traffic. I assume the ordinance is there to maintain consistency and establish an acceptable standard within the community. This ordinance, though, goes on to regulate political signs not just those displayed in a public area or signs distributed by campaigns but also personal signs in people's own yards. It was hard for me to imagine that the small sign in my yard could somehow have a negative impact on property values in Grayslake or be a safety issue.

I am a Bush supporter and proud to have signs in my yard promoting the president. After the notification from the village, I noticed the other political signs still standing in my neighborhood, especially those of the opposing candidate. One thought was to report them and have those removed as well; however, I thought that if someone wants to have a Kerry-Edwards sign in their yard, they should have the right.

For years, the news has reported how apathetic voters have been; how important voter registration drives are; and how voters should really get involved in elections. This ordinance indirectly works against this. It tells people that signs and anything having to do with an election should be brought out only 30 days in advance. Where did this come from? Do elected officials really support this? More importantly until 30 days prior to an election?

I would hope that after the election, Village officials would change the sign ordinance to modify this provision regarding political signs to ultimately encourage the political process. More importantly, changing this portion of the ordinance will allow people

their right to express themselves freely and in the process avoid potential costly court tests of this unconstitutional ordinance.

*Dan Michel
Grayslake*

Breach of ethics

When the state provides \$1,000 that goes toward paying the expenses of those people who die as paupers and no relatives to pay for their burial expenses, the intent, I'm sure, was that any human being deserves a decent burial. So, it is aggravating to me that a public official here, the Lake County Coroner Jim Wipper, has used that state authority to line up his own pockets. Other counties don't look at that state statue as a way for coroners to collect that amount for themselves and use a small portion, or \$150, to pay for cremation expenses for the indigent's funeral expense, and the rest as a bonus to the coroner.

Jim Wipper has responded that an investigator for 13 years at the coroner's office exposed this and he was a "disgruntled employee" because he was fired after a poor evaluation. Well, I am a "disgruntled taxpayer" taxpayer and I believe that the one that ought to be fired is the county coroner for being so greedy.

It's just as well that we taxpayers found out about Jim Wipper's handling of these indigent funeral expenses at this time. He is on the November ballot, and taxpayers should vote against him. He doesn't think that over \$95,000 salary a year is enough pay for him. He has to resort to taking his large cut from funeral expenses of paupers. We must show him that we won't stand for his breach of ethics and the public trust.

*Daniel Brown
Park City*

Candidate questioned

I would like to respond to Larry Leafblad's recently published comments regarding property assessments. As a CPA and someone involved in the real estate market, I must take issue with Mr. Leafblad. While it may be true some township assessors are not as forthcoming as others, I have found that on the whole, these folks are professional, courteous and diligent when one asks them for help.

Mr. Leafblad is incorrect in several of his assertions and it seems as though he does not have all of his facts. Contrary to what he says, it is not necessary to go to court to find the valuation of one's property. However, if you do not agree with your assessment, you can file a protest. According to information published

recently by the American Homeowners Association, over 70 percent and sometimes as high as 90 percent of protests result in lower tax assessments, while fewer than 2 percent of the population ever protest their assessments.

When Mr. Leafblad says there is nowhere to get information regarding the assessment process, he is wrong. The Lake County assessment office scheduled two meetings at CLC just for this purpose. One meeting was on Sept. 23 and the next is Oct. 26. There will be more scheduled. There also is the Internet, the library and your local assessment office.

When Mr. Leafblad claims that nobody is in charge of the township assessor, he is wrong again. The voters elect their township assessor and if they are unhappy with their assessor's performance, they can vote them out in the next election. The county board appoints the chief assessment officer in counties that have less than 3,000,000 people. The county board oversees the chief assessment office, but the rules and the laws that office must follow come from Springfield; so because of this fact, when Mr. Leafblad says he needs to be on the county board to change the assessment process, he is wrong once more. Mr. Leafblad does not need to be elected to advocate change in the assessment process.

When Mr. Leafblad says he is in the "elite company" of other groups opposing the 7 percent assessment cap he is partially right. The school superintendents are opposing this measure in an effort to maintain their elite, six-figure-income, status quo.

Steve Skinner is the only candidate in this race whom I have heard say that maybe part of the answer to fight higher taxes lies in cutting out waste and fat from our county budget in addition to controlling spending.

*Cathy M. Johnsen
Round Lake*

Lifestyle tyranny

In a recent article covering the upcoming campaign for State Representative in my district, candidate Nancy Shepherdson referred to gambling as an activity for the poor and the stupid. While not being a gambling proponent, I was struck by a visceral reaction to Ms. Shepherdson's remarks. Many of us have turned away from the Democratic party as a response to the kind of demeaning patronization that Ms. Shepherdson represents.

This is the worst kind of political thought: "I, not you, know best how you should live your life." It must be that Ms. Shepherdson of Deer Park has been blessed by wealth and intelligence and that she has been kind

enough to "shepherd" the rest of us onto her most righteous path.

This kind of subtle life-style tyranny has forced many of us away from the political party we grew up in, and it is hoped that, in November, the poor and stupid among us will continue to repudiate such oppressive candidates.

*Sal Catanese
Mundelein*

Highway angel

Several weeks ago on a Friday evening around 9:30 o'clock, my aide, and I were driving on the Amstutz Highway between Glen Flora and Greenwood Avenue, when we had a front tire go flat on us.

We call 9-1-1, which referred me to the police department in Waukegan, and I was assured they would send a repair truck to us. We waited quite awhile, and finally a gentleman stopped by and asked if we needed any help.

He was our angel in disguise. He not only changed the tire for us, but he was kind enough to follow us home. He is retired Navy Chief Rudy Gonzales from North Chicago who was a real gentleman and helpful to us.

He refused to take any money, and I was just so impressed by his kindness. By the way, the tow truck never appeared, and thanks to Chief Rudy Gonzales my tire was replaced and we got home safely.

Again, I thank Chief Rudy Gonzales who was a diesel mechanic in the Navy for being such a great and helpful gentleman. He is my candidate for good deeds performed.

*Adeline J. Geo-Karis
Senator 31st District
Zion*

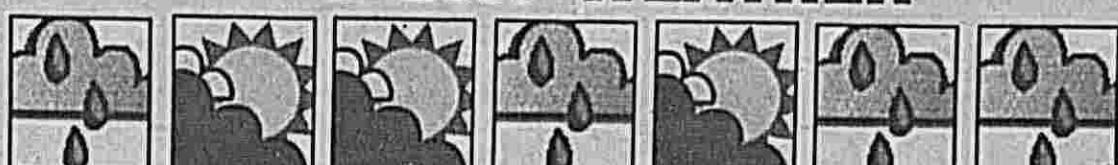
Bean has answers

Instead of addressing his plans for the future, and promoting his own accomplishments, Congressman Phil Crane rested on laurels stolen from other members of Congress. Doesn't Crane have anything to offer that he actually did on his own?

Melissa Bean, on the other hand, has offered a number of practical solutions to the traffic congestion in the area. I don't understand how Crane, after sitting back and watching decades of rapid residential development, could have allowed this situation to escalate to the point that it has. I for one am doing some damage control this November. I'm not supporting Phil Crane. Melissa Bean gets my vote.

*Michael Welland
Gurnee*

7-DAY WEATHER



Day/Date	FRI • 8	SAT • 9	SUN • 10	MON • 11	TUE • 12	WED • 13	THU • 14
Hi	72	72	69	68	69	68	63
Lo	57	53	51	48	48	48	40
Forecast	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Rain
Record High	85 • 1949	85 • 1949	86 • 1962	87 • 1962	83 • 1973	86 • 1975	86 • 1975
Record Low	34 • 1952	34 • 1964	32 • 1964	35 • 1964	34 • 1987	33 • 1979	33 • 1979
Sunrise	6:56 A.M.	6:57 A.M.	6:58 A.M.	6:59 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	7:01 A.M.	7:03 A.M.
Sunset	6:20 P.M.	6:18 P.M.	6:16 P.M.	6:15 P.M.	6:13 P.M.	6:12 P.M.	6:10 P.M.
Moonrise	1:43 A.M.	1:49 A.M.	2:56 A.M.	4:04 A.M.	5:13 A.M.	6:23 A.M.	7:35 A.M.
Moonset	4:15 P.M.	4:43 P.M.	5:05 P.M.	5:27 P.M.	5:48 P.M.	6:09 P.M.	6:33 P.M.

Source: National Weather Service

LOTTERY RESULTS

Source: www.illinoislottery.com

	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2	Oct. 3	Oct. 4	Oct. 5
Pick 3 Midday	458	389	258	042	N/A	336	641
Pick 3 Nighttime	785	788	155	581	718	496	018
Pick 4 Midday	3071	6613	7922	6744	N/A	4743	6380
Pick 4 Nighttime	5959	6284	6921	2356	6133	5277	5718
Little Lotto	05-07-10-16-17	09-14-18-20-29	16-20-25-38-39	02-12-20-21-31	13-16-18-28-32	14-16-22-29-36	09-14-15-16-27
Lotto	01-08-12-26-34-52	No drawing	No drawing	05-07-36-40-51-52	No drawing	No drawing	No drawing
Mega Millions	No drawing	No drawing	08-10-17-24-39 52	No drawing	No drawing	No drawing	08-34-39-48-49 47

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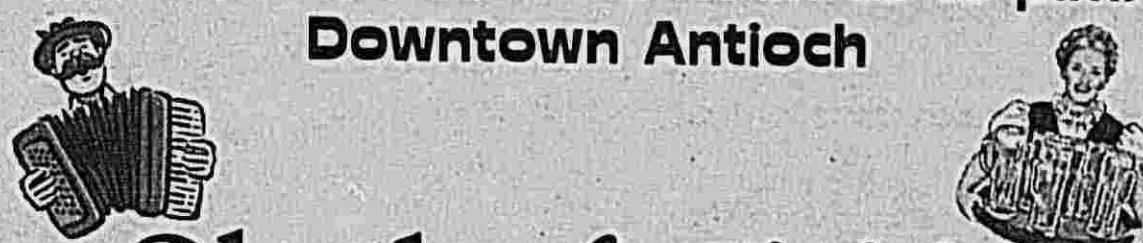
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OBITUARIES

Carole J. Essenspreis (nee Mathisen)

Age 57 of Murrells Inlet, SC, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004 in Murrells Inlet, SC. Surviving are her husband Robert "Bob" Essenspreis; her son, Terry (Tina) Essenspreis of Bakersfield, Calif. and granddaughter; her father, Olav (Anna) Mathisen of Sarasota, Fla. and a brother. She is preceded in death by her mother Elizabeth Mathisen.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m., Sept. 25 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville, with Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Lake Forest officiating. Visitation was for one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

Patricia J. Reynolds

Age 70 of Libertyville, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004 at her home.

Surviving are her seven children, Mary Pat (Tom) Kitchan of Chalfont, Penn., John (Mary) McReynolds of Peoria, Ariz., Katie (Michael) Kiefer of Glenview, Michael (Paula) McReynolds of Jupiter, Fla., Julie McReynolds and Matthew McReynolds, both of Chalfont and Jeanne (Craig) Conte of Libertyville; 10 grandchildren; her brother and a sister. She is preceded in death by her husband, Horace J. McReynolds in 1984; by her parents, Jay and Patricia Murray and her son, Les in 1992.

Prayers began at 9:30 a.m., Sept. 25 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville with services continuing to St. Joseph Church in Libertyville for a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Interment followed at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Visitation was at the funeral home from 8:30 a.m. until time of prayers Sept. 25. Memorial contributions can be made to either the Council for Literacy or Northshore Hospice in her memory.

Rose Wheeler

Age 90 of Lindenhurst and formerly of Round Lake died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. She was born Aug. 22, 1914 in Chicago to Joseph and Anna Krol. Rose had lived in Round Lake since 1941. The last 10 years she has been a resident at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. Rose was a homemaker. She loved to read and she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth (Mary) Wheeler of Grayslake, Edward Wheeler of Round Lake; three grandchildren, Kenneth (Maria) Wheeler of Round Lake, Dawn (Scott) Wheeler of Wauconda, Karen (Lonnie) Langel of West Milton; two great-grandchildren, Kenneth and Joshua; a brother, Stanley Krol of Chicago; and a sister, Irene Thuring of Las Vegas, Nev. She is preceded in death by her husband Edward (Jan. 4, 1992); a daughter-in-law, Dolores Wheeler (July 9, 1999); her parents; a brother, Roman Krol; and three sisters, Lavern Krol, Sally Haas and Wanda Skupin.

Visitation was from 9:30-11:30 a.m., Sept. 30 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home in Round Lake. The Funeral Service was at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 30 at the funeral home. The Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiated. Interment was in Willow Lawn Memorial Park in Vernon Hills. Memorials to Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, 1055 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, IL 60046 would be appreciated by the family.

Eugene R. Fitzer

Age 60 of Round Lake, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004 at Halifax Medical Center. He was a truck driver for Skokie Valley Asphalt Co. in Grayslake and a volunteer fireman for the Round Lake Fire Dept.

Survivors include his loving wife of 39 years, Linda; his son and daughter-in-law, Scott (Christine) of Racine, Wis. and two grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Oct. 1 at 5 p.m. at Lohman Ormond Funeral Home in Ormond Beach, Fla. His family received friends from 4 p.m. until the time of service. Memorial donations may be made in Eugene's memory to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, N. Canton, Ohio 44720. Arrangements were handled by the Lohman Ormond Funeral Home, Ormond Beach, Fla.

Lois Jean Anderson

Age 76 of Antioch, passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004 at her home. She was born Sept. 15, 1928 in Chicago, living in Cicero before moving to Antioch in 1980. Lois had worked as a legal secretary for over 40 years. She was active with the Humane Society, Orphans of the Storm and the Shriner Hospital for Children for many years.

Survivors include her sister Carole Roe (Gordon) Brandsness of Antioch and her brother Phillip W. Becker of Ocala, Fla.; her nieces Jean M. Spencer of Antioch, Phylane L. Becker of Algonquin and Karen Becker of California. She is preceded in death by her mother Clare M. Becker.

Funeral Service was held at 6 p.m., Oct. 3 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with The Reverend C. Clyde Elledge of The Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Gurnee, officiating. Visitation was from 3 p.m., Oct. 3, until the time of services. Private interment was in Millburn Cemetery in Millburn. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her memory to the Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010.

Danielle Decicco

Age 31 from Antioch, passed away on Oct. 3, 2004 in Libertyville. She was a member of the Calvary Christian Center in Lake Villa.

Danielle is survived by her children, Brooklyn Paige Decicco, Andrew Patrick and Olivia Susan Beeks; her fiancé, Richard Beeks; father, Michael (Kathy) McMeins Sr. of Roselle; mother, Susan

Keating of Round Lake Park; her stepfather Patrick J. Keating Sr.; her fiancé Richard A. Beeks; and siblings, Michael (Lisa) McMeins Jr. of Fergus Falls, Minn., Patrick Joseph Keating Jr. of Antioch, Michelle Rene McMeins of Crystal Lake and Jonathan Paul McMeins of Roselle. She is preceded in death by her son, Jonathan Decicco in 1994.

Services for Danielle were held at 11 a.m., Oct. 6 at the Calvary Christian Center in Lake Villa with Pastor Robert Eby officiating. There was a visitation from 10-11 a.m. at the church prior to the service. Friends of the family visited from 4-8 p.m. on Oct. 5 at the Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd. of Grayslake.

Hazel B. Monson

Age 78 of Lindenhurst, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004 at her home. She was born in Michigan to the late Walter and Gertrude (Lindsey) Hanson. On July 3, 1954 she married Torolf Monson in the First Congregational Church in Chicago.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Torolf; two daughters, Lorna (John) Allard of Lake Villa and Carolyn Almenningen of Buffalo, NY; five grandchildren; her great-granddaughter; and her siblings. She is preceded in death by a brother, Fred Hanson, during WWII.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Oct. 2 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch with Pastor Zack Turner of Faith Baptist Church of Grayslake officiating. Interment was Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville; visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Oct. 1 at the funeral home.

Helen Wenda

Former resident of Round Lake, passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004 in Tempe, Ariz., at the age of 89. She was born in Chicago to Stanley and Mary Rzeszowski.

Helen is survived by her children, Raymond (Janice) Wenda of Petersburg, JoAnn (William) Schwartz-Hitt of Tempe, Ariz. and Gerald (Sharon) Wenda of Spring, Tex.; grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and her sister. Her husband, Joseph I. Wenda; a brother and parents precede her in death.

A Funeral Service was held at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tempe, Ariz. on Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. Friends of the family joined them at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville for the committal service on Oct. 5 at 11 a.m. Local services were handled by the Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium Ltd., in Grayslake.

Michael L. Hope

Age 47 of Antioch, passed away Friday, Oct. 1, 2004 at Condell Medical Center Libertyville, after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He was born in Chicago the son of Charles and Elizabeth (Piper) Hope. He graduated in 1975 from Antioch Community High School and later from the Wyoming Technical Institute. Michael owned and operated

Hope Electric of Antioch.

On Aug. 6, 1977 he married Geraldine Hannum in Antioch.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine; his children, Jamie (Andy) Bellagamba of East Moline, and Brandon Hope of Antioch; his parents, Charles and Elizabeth Hope of Lake Villa; his brothers, sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Oct. 6, at St. Peter Church in Antioch. Interment was private. Visitation was held from 4-8 p.m., Oct. 5, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Those desiring may make donations to the Antioch Rescue Squad in his memory.

Melvin K. Bodenlos

Age 87, a resident of Libertyville, passed away on Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, in Libertyville. He was born in Chicago to the late Andrew and Amanda (nee Schuette) Bodenlos. He was a charter member of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, and a member of the Waukegan Moose Lodge.

Melvin is survived by his children; Melvin (Joan) Bodenlos of Gurnee, Allen (Kathleen) Bodenlos of Wildwood, Karen (Richard) Miller of Lindenhurst, his grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Melvin is preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn, whom he wed on June 8, 1940 in Chicago.

Friends of the family visited on Oct. 4, from 4-8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel And Crematorium, in Grayslake. A funeral service was held at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 5, also at Strang Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Foundation, 4709 Golf Road, No. 1015, Skokie, IL 60076, or to the charity of your choosing.

Gene Ray Burdette

Age 58, of Round Lake Beach, passed away Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004 at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. Gene was born April 30, 1946 to Woodrow and Jeanetta (nee Hiserman) Burdette in Dayton, Ohio. Gene was employed for more than 10 years at Precision Chrome in Fox Lake.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Brenda (nee Feltner) Burdette, whom he wed on June 3, 1966 in Waukegan, his children; Jeanie (Bill) Haert of Lindenhurst, Vickie Villegas of Round Lake, and Joe Burdette of Round Lake, seven grandchildren; and his sisters. Gene's parents precede him in death.

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BUSINESS

FASTTRACK

Understanding your credit report

Consumers Cooperative Credit Union is lending a helping hand for its new neighbors by hosting a free Spanish-language seminar titled, "Understanding Your Credit Report" on Oct. 19, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn in Waukegan. The seminar will explain how credit reporting bureaus compile information and how you can obtain a copy of your credit report. Attendees will also learn about credit reporting regulations, your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and how to correct any inaccurate information in your file. Call 877-275-2228, Ext. 8831 for information.

Hospital home to labyrinth

Having recently spent some \$65 million on brand new facilities and state-of-the-art technology, Lake Forest Hospital's latest "healing tool" is about 4,000 years old. Thanks to the Lake Forest Garden Club, patients, their families, hospital employees and the community can now experience a labyrinth, located just north of the new Hunter Family Center for Women's Health addition to the hospital.

This location was chosen, in part, because the labyrinth represents an enhancement of the center's holistic focus on the mind, body and spirit. In accepting this gift, Lake Forest Hospital Vice President/Philanthropy Pamela Gerard said, "The labyrinth offers another dimension to the healing process and the hospital is pleased to have one that is available for patients, their families and the general public. We are thrilled that the Lake Forest Garden Club had an interest in creating a labyrinth at the hospital and we gratefully acknowledge the generous donation that has made this possible." Call 847-234-5600 for details.

Local landscape contractor adds holiday lighting services

Cynthia Fletcher Studio, Inc. has become an authorized dealer for Outdoor Décor—Holiday lights and more.

The company installs outdoor lights for holidays, parties, weddings, and special events.

"Many of our clients are decorating the exterior of their homes for the winter season, instead of for a specific holiday," says Cynthia Fletcher.

Cynthia Fletcher Studio, Inc. is a full-service landscape contractor working in the Northshore Chicagoland area. They may be reached at 847-270-9887 or you can visit www.cynthiachristie.com.

Fifth Third grand opening

Fifth Third Bank will celebrate the Grand Opening of its newest banking center on Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. Ribbon cutting and festivities are open to the public.

"As we continue to grow in the Chicago market, Fox Lake provides us with an excellent location to serve more consumers and businesses looking for greater value in their financial services provider," said Brad Stamper, Fifth Third Bank's President and CEO. "Our full range of products and services, combined with our hometown focus, allows Fifth Third to deliver the performance of a national powerhouse in a community-focused, service-oriented environment."

The Fox Lake banking center will feature a large lobby, four drive-up lanes, a drive-up ATM, a night depository and safe deposit boxes. It will offer consumers and businesses products and services from banking to borrowing and brokerage.

Make your business, our business. We want to hear what your company is up to! Write us: business@lakelandmedia.com

Vista treatment facility marks 5th anniversary

Free-standing Surgery and Treatment Center

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

Members of the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce were amazed at how many services and facilities existed behind the deceptively small waiting area at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center in Lindenhurst.

They were there to celebrate the facility's fifth anniversary. Timothy Block, director of ambulatory services for Vista Health, conducted a tour, proudly displaying everything from a state-of-the-art rehabilitation gymnasium to one of the few open MRIs in the county.

He said the center offered almost any kind of medical, surgical or diagnostic service that could be accomplished on an outpatient basis.

Procedures such as oral surgery, plastic surgery, orthopedic, gastrointestinal and vascular surgeries are done in the least invasive way possible. Most patients go home the same day. In the few cases where complications require overnight stays, patients are sent to Victory Memorial Hospital, in Waukegan.

A wide range of screening procedures are available, including mammograms, bone density tests, cardiac stress tests, CT, EKG, ultrasound and MRI.

"We put in the open MRI two years ago," Martin said.

Therapies offered include cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, speech therapy, physical therapy and massage therapy.

"Wellness" services are provided, also, such as classes in diabetic education, and exercise classes.

Pain management and alternative medicine are newer offerings.

"We continue to look at additional services for ambulatory care," Martin said.

When the ambulatory facility first opened its doors five years ago, plans were already afoot for something more in Lindenhurst.

When the property along Grand Avenue, near Deep Lake road, was purchased, there was a grand plan in place by what was then known as Victory Health.

"It was forward thinking on the part of Tim Harrington (CEO of Vista Health)," said Vista Chief Operating Officer, Barb Martin. "He saw the growth to the west. We started with ambulatory care, with the intention, from the beginning, to build a hospital here."

The ambulatory center was preceded by the Village of Victory Lakes residential campus, which includes a full range of senior housing: semi-attached cottages, independent living apartments, assisted living and continuing care.

Martin said the ambulatory care center would be holding a public celebration of its fifth anniversary sometime in November.

"I hope, the next time after that, in 2005,



Designs for the new hospital show it wrapping around the existing building, with a five-story wing of patient rooms facing the wetlands behind the building.

we will be breaking ground, and 18 months later, there will be a new hospital," she said.

Approval of Vista Health's Certificate of

Need application, to allow construction to proceed, is pending reorganization of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board.

Fall call for proposals

Several restaurants go smoke-free

The Roy G. Kerr Foundation is accepting grant proposals through Oct. 31. Grant awards will be announced on or about Nov. 30. Guidelines for grant proposals can be obtained by contacting Virginia Fagen at 847-945-6141.

The mission of the Kerr Foundation is to provide education and leadership opportunities to Latinos in Lake County. More specifically, the foundation has established leadership opportunities as the first priority for these grants which will be funded in 2005. Grant applicants are encouraged to consider replicating programs which have been successful in other Lake County communities or in communities across the country. An evaluation component appropriate to the project will be important.

Two Lake County restaurants are going smoke-free thanks to the ongoing efforts of the Tobacco Free Lake County program of the Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center. Timbers Charhouse, at 295 Skokie Valley Road in Highland Park, went smoke-free on Sept. 20, and Pizza Hut, at Lewis and Sunset in Waukegan, went smoke-free on Oct. 1. They join more than 350 Lake County restaurants that offer smoke-free dining year round.

Manager Marshall Okun of Timbers Charhouse states that Timbers may initially lose some patrons, but will in turn gain more due to their new smoke-free status. In regards to going smoke-free, Okun said, "It's not about wealth, it's about health."

Last year, the Tobacco Free Lake County program successfully encouraged one other restaurant to go smoke-free, Emily's Pancake House in Waukegan.

"Restaurants considering smoke-free dining often fear losing customers to those restaurants that allow smoking," said Kristine Andersen, coordinator of the Health Department's Tobacco Free Lake County program. "Fortunately, the contrary is true. Studies conducted by both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) show that restaurants that become smoke-free actually increase revenue."

Secondhand smoke exposure in restaurants is not only harmful for restaurant patrons, but is especially harmful for restaurant employees who are being constantly exposed to its dangers. Just five minutes of exposure to cigarette smoke stiffens the main artery carrying blood from the heart to the body.

For more information about quitting, call the Tobacco Free Lake County Program at (847) 377-8090. For a list of all smoke-free restaurants in Lake County, visit <http://www.co.lake.il.us/health/ehs/smoke-free.asp>.

NEW BUSINESS

Assured business names

Keep It Clean, 905 Sunrise Rd., Green Oaks, 847-902-2626. Owner: Lisa Coconate. Purpose: A pressure washing company.

Camo Soul, 2732 Westwood Dr., Waukegan, 847-249-0219. Owner: David Westerspoon. Purpose: DJ Services and Entertainment.

Fitness Loft, 205 Peterson Rd., Libertyville, 847-367-5645. Owner: Mary E. Albrecht. Purpose: Yoga, Pilates, Strength, Personal Training.

North Shore Small Business, 2671 Sheridan Rd., Zion, 847-872-3984. Owner: John Brown. Purpose: To network with other small business.

Sew Classy, 536 Long Hill Rd., Gurnee, 847-625-9936. Owner: Cynthia Hooten. Purpose: Sewing Alterations, Embroidery.

D.M.B. Plumbing, 218 Siwaha St., Grayslake, 847-223-7861. Owner: Dusko Stupar. Purpose: Plumbing Service.

Modzlo Records, 740 Broadway, Apt. 7, North Chicago, 847-355-0329. Owner: Mozell Williams Jr. Purpose: Producing of music and record sales.

1-Stitch at a time Embroidery, 1350 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, 847-968-4882. Owner: Judy Zandrowicz. Purpose: Embroidery business.

LAKE LIVING

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT HOMES OF LAKE COUNTY



1063 Wellington
Waukegan
\$399,900

Unbelievable custom home with \$40,000 in upgrades including high-end carpet, hardwood flooring in the kitchen, foyer and breakfast room. There are four large bedrooms, vaulted ceilings throughout the home. Magnificent brick patio and pond views with a large deck. Two huge finished rooms that can be used for entertaining or working out are in the lower level.

Home details

Year built: 1998 BR4: 10X10
LR: 13X14 BRK: 11X12
MB: 14X17 REC: 15X22
DR: 11X13 FOY: 5X7
BR2: 12X15 LDY: 8X8
KIT: 10X11 DEN: 12X30
BR3: 10X14 Rooms: 11
FR: 15X17 Baths: 3.1
2003 taxes: \$7,108

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Help-U-Sell Unique Realty at 866-275-6319.



42570 Woodbine
Antioch
\$164,900

Chain 'O Lakes water is right across the street of this Cape Cod-style home with awesome views. This three-bedroom charmer was completely remodeled in 1993. There is newer roofing and siding. The garage is nine years old and the septic tank is three years old. A wood-burner stove in the living room keeps this bungalow warm on winter nights. The beach and boat slip is across the street.

Home details

Year built: BR3: 15X8
Remodeled FR: 18X10
LR: 17X13 Rooms: 6
MB: 20X12 Baths: 1
BR2: 12X10
KIT: 13X13

2003 taxes: \$2,234

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Mike Culat at 847-838-6453.



6850 Revere Court
Gurnee
\$735,000

This is an impressive four-year new custom brick home on a beautiful wooded lot in a private and serene location, yet close to everything. The expansive floor plan has front and back staircases, detailed millwork, first-floor bedroom suite, finished lower level with bedroom and bathroom. The kitchen is custom cherry cabinetry, island breakfast bar, butler's pantry with every exclusive amenity.

Home details

Year built: 2000 BR4: 14X12
LR: 15X14 BR5: 15X11
MB: 18X17 BR6: 14X13
DR: 14X13 DEN: 13X12
BR2: 17X14 LDY: 10X8
KIT: 26X15 Rooms: 12
BR3: 14X12 Baths: 6.1
FR: 17X15

2003 taxes: \$15,998

For more information on this home, visit www.realtor.com or call Baird & Warner Residential at 312-738-7600.

County to hold meetings on transportation

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

Wearing a Hawaiian shirt in honor of long time former director of finance Ray Amandei, Lake County Board Chair Suzi Schmidt told other colorfully dressed board members that the county has put together an internal sales tax leadership team to consider how to fix the traffic congestion problem.

The committee is to be comprised of three county board members and people from the private sector.

"With or without the sales tax we need to find out where the biggest concerns are with the public about transportation," Schmidt said. "Most of the concerns I hear are with State roads," she added.

Schmidt said that she hopes to hold public meeting throughout Lake County to hear from the public about areas they consider to be in need of improvement.

"There is not one place in Lake County that there is not a problem with transportation," Schmidt said.

She added that board members are aware of the problems in their own district but may not be aware of some in other districts.

Board member Diana O'Kelly asked the Chair if a study done by the Lake County Sheriff's Department on dangerous intersections in Lake County could be considered at the meetings and Schmidt said it was okay.

The time and place for the meetings have not yet been scheduled.

It was on March 15 of this year that the voters surprised the Lake County board by soundly rejecting a 1/4 percent sales tax by a vote of 48,766 to 40,295, which was to be used to fix the traffic congestion problem.

The tax would have cost the taxpayers an extra 25 cents for every \$100 spent and was heavily lobbied for by almost all 23 of the Lake County Board members.

If the referendum would have passed it would have raised an additional \$15 million for transportation improvements.

At the time of the failed referendum, Schmidt said she believed there was a number of reasons for its failure including the fact that people were feeling taxed to death and also because the wording on the referendum ballot was confusing.

There will be no sales tax traffic referendum on the November ballot.

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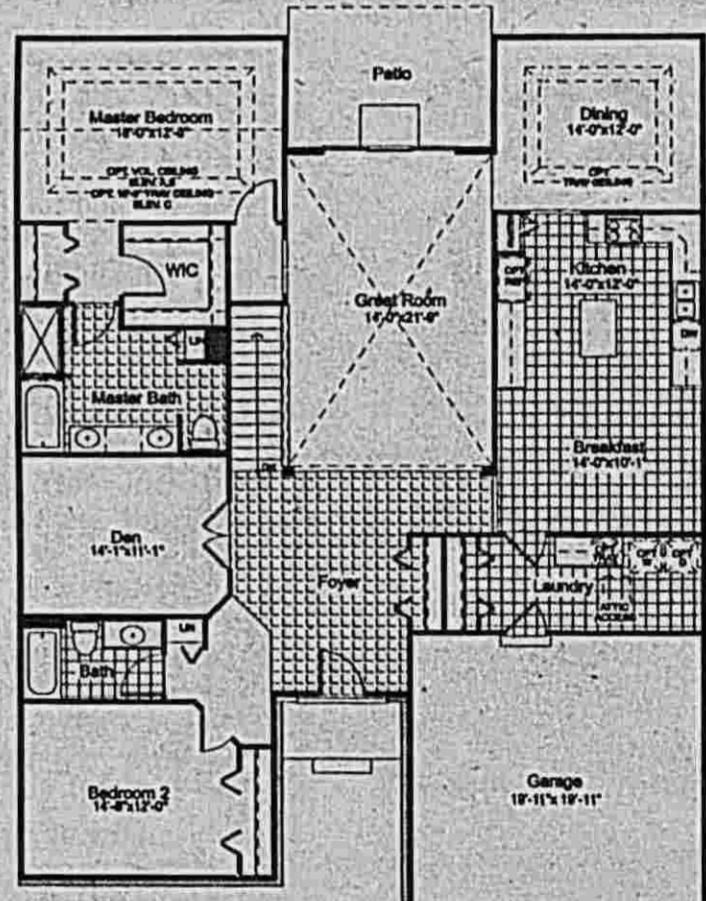
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AROUND THE COUNTY

Class reunion

Members of the Class of 1964 from Grayslake Community High School will gather during homecoming weekend for their 40th reunion. Many will attend the Pep Rally on Friday, Oct. 15, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Lake Street Campus, followed by fun and friendship at the Last Chance Saloon starting at 8 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 16, the Class of '64 Alumni will gather at 8 a.m. at the high school to line up for the parade. Following the parade they will attend the football games and tour the school. The classmates will meet again at the Alpine Country Club, 10 W. Washington St., Round Lake for cocktails and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. A photo of the group will be taken at 7 p.m. at a cost of \$14 each, and will be available later that evening. Call Donna Miller Cuilla at 847-623-9473 or Ray Maar at 847-356-2158 for details.

Wilson Road to close

The Lake County Division of Transportation will close Wilson Road, County Route V-58, to thru traffic from Rollins Road, to Route 134 to reconstruct the Metra railroad crossing. This road closure and detour will begin on Oct. 15, and last five days. The closure is necessary to allow Metra to install and extend a new rubber crossing as part of the Wilson Road reconstruction project.

Turkey shoot

The Northern Illinois Conservation Club will have a Turkey Shoot on Nov. 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rounds will cost \$10 (25 shots). Bring your gun and ammunition. We are located at Route 83, south of Route 173 on the east side of the road. To register call 847-395-6422 or visit www.Lake-online.com/nicc.

New Shimer president

On Oct. 16, at 3 p.m., Shimer College in Waukegan will be celebrating the first installation of a Shimer President in decades. The Installation Ceremony and Inaugural Address will be at the First Baptist Church at 401 N. Genesee St. For more information, call Barbara S. Stone at 847-249-7192 or e-mail barbara@shimer.edu.

County Public Works nominated for award

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) recently nominated the Lake County Public Works Mill Creek Water Reclamation Facility as the "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year" in the State of Illinois. Only seven facilities were nominated in the statewide competition from a group of similar sized facilities that use a similar treatment process. Members of the Mill Creek Water Reclamation Facility operations staff are: Jason Pieper, David Poczkalski, James Stephens and Scott Sullivan.

Flu clinic suspended

The Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center has suspended its flu clinic schedule until further notice. It took this action after Chiron Corporation, the manufacturer of flu vaccine, announced its inability to release vaccine this year. The Health Department had ordered 8,500 doses of flu vaccine from Chiron for 16 flu clinics.

The Health Department normally provides flu vaccine every fall to at-risk populations, including people who are 50 years of age or older, children who are 6 to 23 months of age, adults and children with chronic health conditions, pregnant women and healthcare workers. Last year, it provided flu shots to approximately 8,000 people.

Community Book Fair

Beach Park Middle School will host a Scholastic Book Fair daily until Oct. 12, from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., to help raise funds for building the library collection. The Fair will feature specially priced books and educational products, including newly released works, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software and current best-sellers from more than 150 publishers.

The Fair will be open each day from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Parents, children, teachers and the community are invited. Sponsorships are available. Area businesses interested in making a donation are asked to contact Jeanne Lohfink at 847-596-5880.

FROM PAGE C1

ABSENTEE

tee ballots were turned in. During the last presidential election in 2000, 18,557 absentee ballots were returned to the county.

With so many ballots coming in, the county asks that ballots be returned either by mail or in person in advance of Nov. 2. They do however except ballots on Nov. 2. If ballots are received by the clerk in Waukegan on Nov. 2 someone from the office will rush that single ballot to the proper precinct, even if it is as far Barrington, Pagano said.

On Nov. 2 the County Clerk's office sends all absentee ballots to their respective precincts throughout the county. Each precinct then holds on to the ballots until all polls close then they count them in with the rest of the ballots.

The reason they are held, Pagano said, is because it allows anyone who may have changed his or her mind to go to their precinct, request their absentee ballot, and change their vote. It doesn't happen often, Pagano said, but it will be accommodated. Once polls close, however, everything is final.

Applications for absentee ballots can be requested by e-mailing absentee@co.lake.il.us or by visiting the clerk's Web site at www.co.lake.il.us/cntclerk. They can also be requested by calling 847-377-2406, or by stopping by the clerk's office, 18 N. County Street in Waukegan.

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RACE

a day asking people what they feel the issues are. And we are talking about traffic relief, property taxes and education for the kids," Elman said. "They are the ones bringing up his voting record and if he considers his voting record negative—then it is."

Elman added that Churchill has voted against allowing insurance companies to pay for mammograms and even voted for a bill that is known as the Rapist's Bill of rights.

"I would never vote for a bill against people having mammograms," Elman said. "I am a breast cancer survivor and I find that appalling."

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ALOOKBACK

Lake County history from the Lakeland Archives

20 YEARS AGO • 1984

Dean Richard Sabin, the accused murderer of Paddock Lake residents Donna and John Gelden, was hospitalized after an alleged attempt suicide, while awaiting trial in Kenosha County. It was speculated that Sabin may have attempted to overdose, but police would not confirm it.

Police in North Chicago were looking for a burglar that entered the Flamingo Inn motel on Routes 137 and 41 and took a television. Sometime overnight a burglar entered from a broken window and took a 19-inch RCA color television.

40 YEARS AGO • 1964

The body of a 14-year-old Fox Lake boy was recovered 10 days after he drowned. Rescue workers said his body had probably been wedged between rocks for sometime. The boy drowned while fishing with a friend.

Two teenagers from Long Lake were indicted by a grand jury for the burglary of a liquor store. Money, liquor and cigarettes were taken from the store. The two were also charged in connection with the rape of a 14-year-old child. Rape charges had not yet been brought to trial.

50 YEARS AGO • 1954

Two people in Wauconda were injured in an accident at the intersection of Routes 12 and 176. According to police two cars were traveling south when a station wagon veered and struck a truck.

A young Wauconda girl suffered cuts on her face while playing with other children in the neighborhood. The little girl, named Barbara was carrying a glass jar when she slipped and fell on it.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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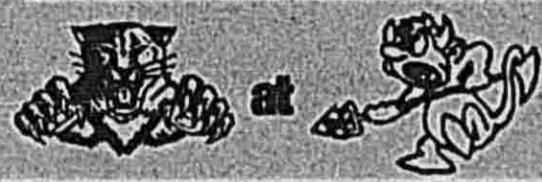


MITCHELL MOORE
WARREN

Helping her team capture the NSC Prairie division title, Wauconda's Katie Ellis won the individual title in a meet against Vernon Hills with a time of 1:34, a course record at Cooks Park in Wauconda.

In a much-hyped match-up of outstanding backs, Warren's Mitchell Moore out-dueled the county's leading rusher, Antioch's Nick Nathan, in a 33-10 Warren win. Moore finished with 283 yards on 20 carries and three scores.

GAME OF THE WEEK



FOOTBALL

This match-up will have major implications in how the NSC Lake Division standings play out. Both teams boast solid running games, with Warren (5-1, 2-0) fielding the I-formation and Libertyville (6-0, 2-0) boasting three solid running backs within the Wing-T scheme.

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Lakeland Newspapers Sports Editor

Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

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1. Libertyville
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3. Carmel
4. Antioch
5. Johnsburg
6. Stevenson
7. Mundelein
8. N. Chicago
9. Lake Forest
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Feeling lucky

By Rob Backus, Matt Pera
and Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporters

Athletes will do anything for an edge. Some work hard, others cheat. No matter what the approach, most would agree that luck plays at least a part in an athlete's or a team's success.

And while some athletes seem born lucky, the rest have to go out and find, or create, any luck they can get.

You've seen it on a baseball diamond. A lucky hat. A pitcher refusing to step on the baseline between innings.

Even Michael Jordan had a superstition, wearing his North Carolina shorts underneath his uniform every game of his career.

So while some may dismiss superstitions as silly, most would disagree.

"Anything that's positive and keeps a player focused and gives them an extra edge is a good thing," Carmel volleyball coach Sarah Yeager said. "If they think it's positive, why not? It's certainly not detrimental."

Yeager's team has a superstition, wearing bows in their hair every home match. And it seems to work as the Corsairs sport a solid home record.

"We seem to play better with them in, especially the pink ones," Carmel senior Ashley Poletto said. "Even if we don't win we play better."

The ritual was started by senior Erin Walsh at the beginning of the season. But wearing bows is nothing new for Walsh, who has had one almost every day since seventh grade.

"Every day there's a bow in my hair," Walsh said. "We started doing it on my club team (Lake Zurich-based Rolling Thunder), so I brought it to Carmel. It's something we all have in common; it shows we're all together."

Even Yeager has had a superstition.

"The first five matches of the year I used the same pen and we kept winning," Yeager said. "But our luck was used up, like the ink, so I threw it away."

Another local athlete also uses lucky clothing. David Rodrigues' relationship with his shirt began as a bargain, progressed to a joke and is now a

Sequoits football suffers
1st loss of season

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Wegner takes 2nd
at NSC golf meet

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Corsair spikers looking
for quick turnaround

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against North Chicago

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Grant football earns
1st win of season

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Moore paves way to
Devils' homecoming win

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Rams get back on
track with win

D7

Bulldogs fall to Zion-Benton
in homecoming game

D13

Home-sweet-homecoming
for Cats, now 6-0

D8

Turnovers, penalties costs
Waukegan football

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Mustangs make strides
on football field

D9

Lancer spikers clinch
Skyway title

D15

Local
athletes
search for
edge on and
off the field

ON THE SIDE LINES

Rob Backus • Sports Editor

The next level

As thousands of athletes across Lake County try their hardest this fall to earn college scholarships, a number of former local stars are flourishing at the collegiate level.

Despite being a true freshman, Libertyville graduate Santino Panico has found his way onto the roster of a talented Nebraska team. Panico has returned a total of six punts so far for 26 yards.

A former teammate of Panico, '03 grad Devon Parks, dominated at Bowling Green as a freshman, tallying 48 tackles, five sacks and two forced fumbles. This season Parks has 10 tackles, 1.5 sacks and an interception through four games for the Falcons.

Former Antioch star Eric White came into his senior season at Illinois Wesleyan University as a pre-season All-American in several publications, and so far he hasn't disappointed with 29 receptions for 318 yards and three touchdowns.

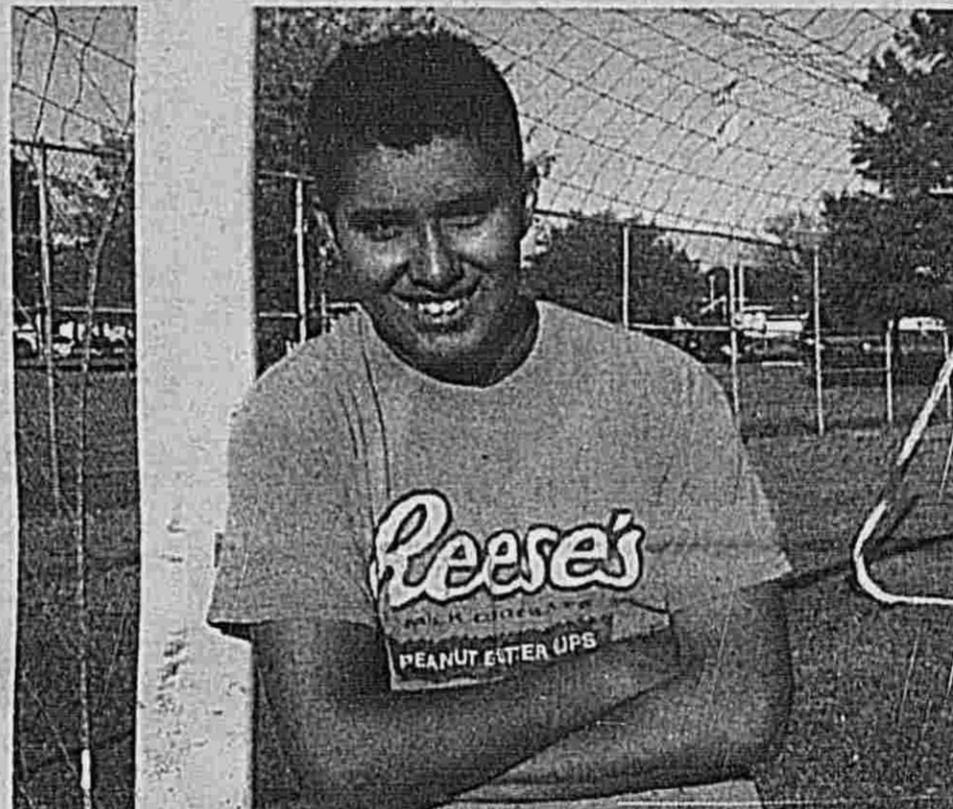
His 220 career receptions are currently tied for second in school history and just 10 from the all-time mark. He is also second in career receiving yards with 3,151 and touchdowns (31). Grayslake grad Sam Stahnke has also seen action at tight end for the Titans.

Also a senior, Carmel graduate Amy Hanson has fared well so far this season at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She assisted on a pair of goals in a 2-1 win over UW-River Falls Sept. 18,

scored goals in losses to UW-Oshkosh (Sept. 21) and Emory (Sept. 24) and tallied three assists in a 12-0 drubbing of Rockford College Oct. 2. She currently has two goals and five assists in nine games for the Hawks.

Another former Antioch standout, '03 grad Robyn Mortenson, has two goals and two assists in 10 games for Div. II Truman State (Mo.) University, which currently sports a 9-0-1 record on the season, including a 4-0-1 mark in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association. As a freshman, Mortenson tallied five goals and an assist in 23 games in helping the Bulldogs to an 18-2 overall mark and a MAIAA title.

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Waukegan High School soccer goalie David Rodrigues wears his signature T-shirt under his jersey during almost every game for good luck.

"Anything that's positive and keeps a player focused and gives them an extra edge is a good thing."

—Sarah Yeager
Carmel Girls' Volleyball Coach

staple in his soccer wardrobe.

While on vacation in California as an eighth grader, Rodrigues, a senior goalkeeper for Waukegan, saw a bright orange Reese's Peanut Butter Cup shirt on sale for \$5.

The novelty of the shirt made it interesting and if nothing else, Rodrigues said the shirt was priced cheap enough that he could wear it to soccer practice. So he bought it and he wore it to practice, over and over again—always washing it in between, he points out.

Eventually it got the point where his teammates would tease him about the shirt. It kind of became a joke amongst teammates, and someone told him to wear it to a game.

Figuring he had nothing to lose, Rodrigues agreed. And after playing a good game, he decided to make his practice shirt his

game shirt too. And it's paid off. Last season Rodrigues earned all-sectional honors after posting a goals-against-average below 1.0 and, after a slow start this year, the team has only lost one game in its last nine and Rodrigues has allowed only five goals in that stretch.

The teasing hasn't stopped though. "It's an ugly shirt." "I don't think he takes it off," teammates commented after a 3-1 win versus Maine South.

The shirt has been better days, Rodrigues admits. Sweat and stains from countless practices have faded the shirt to a pale orange, but for \$5 it's holding up well. It may be seeing the end of the line however.

This week Rodrigues got a new goalie's jersey, a blue one, which fits very snug, he said. The Recess Pieces shirt is too baggy, and does not fit under the jersey comfortably.

He may be only able to wear it under his red jersey, Rodrigues said. But during a recent game he still had it with him, stored away in his gym bag.

"I like it," he said.

When things are going well for a team, superstitions and rituals become even more important.

For the Libertyville football team, which has won 15 straight regular season games, those

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regular season games, those things have become part of the routine.

"Since we've been winning so much, once you get going on something, the players don't want to change anything," head coach Randy Kuceyeski said.

So every Friday at the same time, the team can be found at Nana's restaurant on Route 176 for their pre-game meal of pasta and salad.

The Wildcats then have their team meeting in the school auditorium, where Kuceyeski shows NFL highlights to get the team pumped up, then goes over the game plan for that night.

If he wants to find a particular member of the team as he's talking, it's not difficult to do.

"All the players sit in the exact same seats," he said. "They won't move for anything. If something goes wrong in a game and they didn't do it the same they would probably feel guilty about it."

He's not exaggerating when he says they won't move for anything.

His son, John, a senior captain who plays strong safety for the Wildcats, said he would never budge from his pre-game seat.

"That's something personal," he explained. "All the guys always sit in the same seats."

The varsity parents also get in on the act, bringing the same snacks to the team every Thursday after practice. And one of those items is the most important.

"The coffee cake has to be there every week," Randy Kuceyeski said.

SIDELINES

A pair of Antioch grads were integral in a Lake Forest College win over Ripon College on Sept. 25. **Jeff Huebner** caught a 33-yard TD pass while **Scott Hodlma** had seven tackles, including his team-high fourth sack. Round Lake native **Edward Kidd** also snagged his first career interception.

While these customs have become a part of the team's weekly structure, John Kuceyeski stopped short of calling them complete superstitions, saying they were more of a way to prepare.

"It's just being comfortable," he said. "I guess it's superstition but it's none of that knocking on wood or anything like that. But to play the best, you have to be in a good mindset."

While John may not knock on wood, or have a lucky article of clothing, at least one of his teammates this year does.

Senior cornerback and defensive captain Kevin Burns said it started last year during the Wildcats playoff run.

He noticed then-senior running back Kevin Fontana knocked on wood before one of their games.

"He did it like one time and I took it way out of proportion," he said with a laugh.

Since then he has developed his own system for the good-luck tactic. He knocks two-times for each of the following things: one, that the team wins the game; two, that no one gets injured; three, that the defense shuts out the opposition; and four, that he plays to the best of his ability.

It's something that he does throughout the day, even discreetly knocking on his desk at school.

"I don't broadcast it," he said. "It's not a big deal. I think it's just something that keeps me focused."

He also wears a lucky orange bandana every Friday as he joins the rest of the team at

Nana's and the pre-game meeting (where he sits in the second row, seat number three).

What would he do if he somehow lost the bandana before a game?

"It wouldn't happen," he said. "I just bought an extra one just in case. Thursday night I always check to make sure I have it."

Burns is not the only area football player with quirky habits.

Mundelein senior running back Jake Gaebler said he holds off shaving all week until finally, on Thursday night, he breaks out the razor.

"It's weird," he said. "I did it the first game

and every game since then I have to shave on Thursday night, even if we have the game on Saturday."

Gaebler said he is also a believer in the pre-game meal. Every Friday he eats a turkey and pepperoni sub from Subway for both lunch and dinner.

He added that, once an athlete finds a schedule that works for them, they tend to stick with it.

"I think it kind of just happens," he said. "You get into a routine that just feels right. You feel more comfortable going into a game if you know everything is the same."



Photo by Rob Backus

Carmel senior volleyball player wears her signature bow in her hair. The rest of the team dons bows for luck every home match.

CORRECTION

In last week's cover story "A lofty goal" Miguel Zamudio was identified incorrectly as the father of Waukegan's Jonathan Hernandez. He is actually the father of former Waukegan player Diego Zamudio.

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"We'll play well again." (after a 33-10 loss to Warren)

Del Pechauer
Antioch Coach



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Sequoits suffer 1st loss of season

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

All season long, Antioch had run on the opposition at will, as seniors Nick Nathan (Lake County-high 1,154 yards) and Nate Hughes had combined for over 1,700 yards on the ground in leading the Sequoits to their first 5-0 start since 1984.

Looking to extend their record to 6-0 for the first time since 1983, Antioch ran into a 4-1 Warren team. Unfortunately, the Devils' buzz saw defense held the Sequoits ground game in check throughout much of the game in a 33-10 loss last Saturday as Nathan was held to just 26 yards on 10 carries.

"Warren has two excellent linebackers that are always running around and wherever Nick went it seemed like one was always on him," Antioch coach Del Pechauer said. "They're a real good team and they did a real nice job on defense."

For the game, the Sequoits were held to just 131 yards on 40 carries, led by Hughes (15 carries, 90 yards). The loss dropped the team's record to 5-1 and 2-1 in the NSC Lake division.

Down 14-0 in the second quarter, Antioch appeared to grab the momentum when Jack Irvin picked off a Garren Zerfass pass to give the team the ball at Warren's 45-yard line.

And the Sequoits took advantage as Mark Neuman raced for a 19-yard gain on a reverse and scored one play later on a perfect pass from Nate Hughes on a halfback option. The 22-yard strike cut the lead to 14-7 with 1:13 left in the first half.

"I love to hear those numbers," Neuman said of the play, 48 option. "They played me to the inside and I just went over the top and Nate threw a really good pass."

Antioch's defense held on the ensuing possession as the game went into the half with the team down 14-7.

"We played real well in the first half," Pechauer said. "I was impressed."

The Sequoits' momentum continued into the second half as the team's first drive of the half lasted 14 plays and over eight minutes. Quarterback Ben Rosewicz (4-for-7, 46 yards) completed key passes to Mike Sinkovec (15 yards) and Hughes (11 yards) to drive down the field.

However, a five-yard loss from Hughes and a 10-yard loss by Rosewicz on a third-down sack forced Antioch into a 37-yard field goal. Fortunately, Jeremy Pohlman connected to cut the lead to 14-10.

The next two plays would prove decisive at Warren's Mitchell Moore (20 carries, 283 yards) took the first play of the ensuing drive 64 yards to the house to give the Devils a 20-10 lead. Then Antioch muffed the ensuing kickoff, and had lousy field position with the ball at its own 11-yard line.

It was all downhill after that as Moore broke off two more long runs on options to pull away.

"Those kickoffs really hurt us," Pechauer

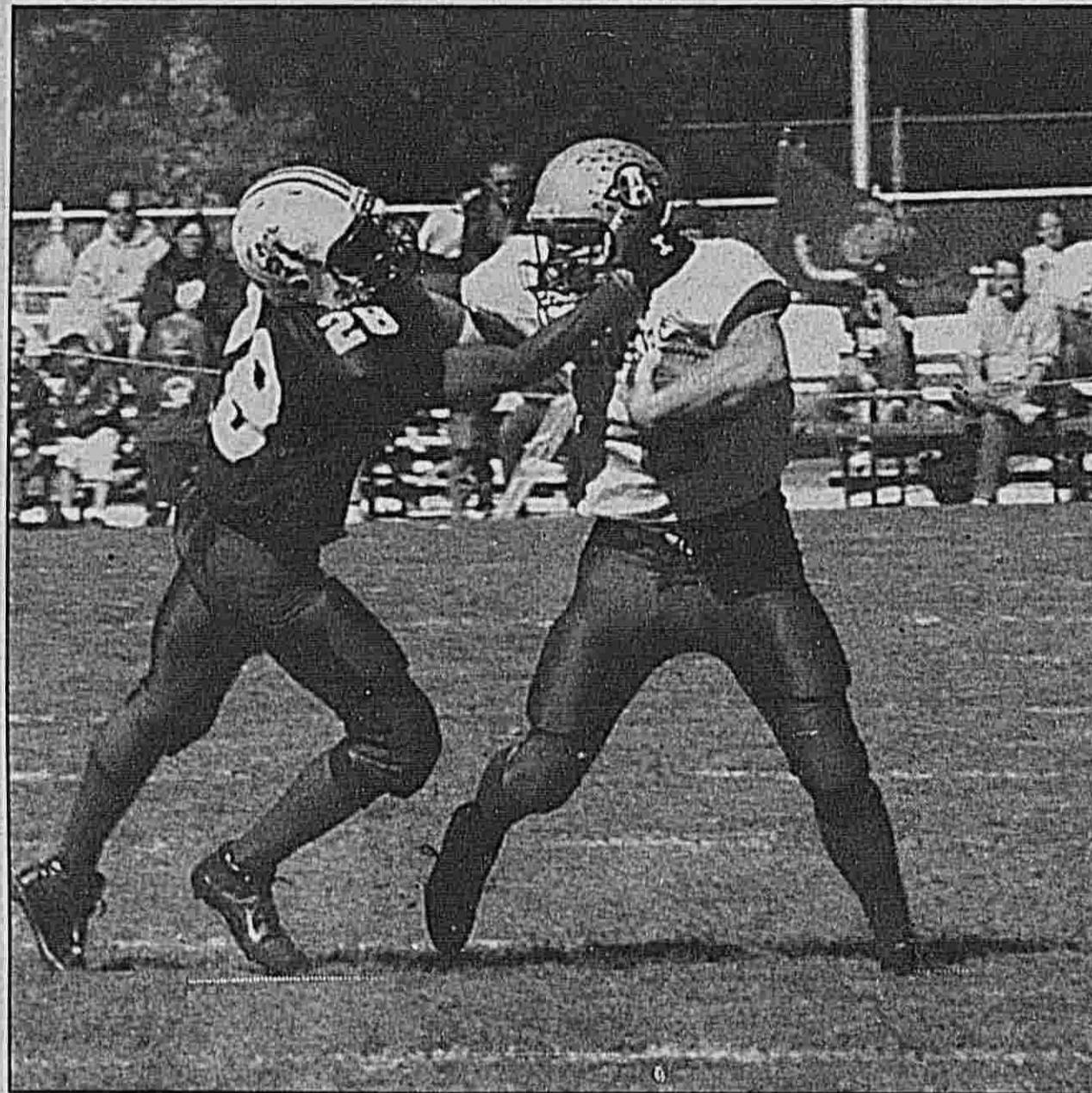


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Antioch Community High School's Nate Hughes throws a stiff-arm at Warren's Willie Brooks In the Sequoits' 33-10 loss to the Blue Devils last week.

said. "And we didn't play their option very well, which took the wind out of us."

Despite the loss, Pechauer remains confident in his team's ability the rest of the season.

"We'll play well again," Pechauer said. "I'm real happy with the way we've played so far."

Antioch will host Stevenson Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Antioch got one of the biggest wins in the program's history last Friday, defeating Stevenson 25-20, 25-20.

"This was the biggest win we've had since I've been here," Antioch coach Bob Schenk said. "We're establishing ourselves as a school to be reckoned with. People know we exist now."

Kate Hofeldt led the way with 11 kills, five digs and two aces. Kristi Mihovilovich (six kills), Maggie Lonergan (11 assists, two aces), Ashley Wisler (13 assists, four aces) and Tracy Heitman (six digs) also contributed to the win. Antioch (18-3, 2-1 NSC Lake) was a perfect 49-for-49 serving in the match.

The win was especially emotional for Schenk, who took Stevenson to back-to-back state appearances in 1990-91 and won five

sectionals in his 10 years at the school.

"Before the match, I took the girls to the trophy case and told them that there was a lot of tradition at Stevenson," Schenk said. "But there's no place I'd rather be than at my alma mater (Antioch). Going down there and beating them in front of their fans and former students of mine was very emotional."

The Sequoits now control their own destiny in the conference with matches against Mundelein and Libertyville coming up. The team is also just seven wins away from matching the single-season win record of 25.

CROSS COUNTRY

Antioch's boys cross country team took 2nd at the 31st annual Pat Harland Invite at Fox River Park in Wilmot, Wis. with 72 points. Hersey won the even and with 40 points.

Ryan Oliver (12th place, 17:07), Mike Dussalt (13th, 17:17) and Chip Leffelman (14th, 17:19) were the top Sequoits finishers on the three-mile course.

The girls team finished sixth out of 11 teams with 156 points. Benet won the title with 30 points. Heather Pease (29th, 21:39), Abbey Peters (31st, 21:49) and Katie Westrate (33rd, 22:14) were the top Antioch finishers.

PREPROFILES



Mark Neuman

It's the 2nd quarter of a close game between Antioch and Warren. Sequoits senior back Mark Neuman takes the handoff on a reverse and races 19 yards.

The next play he races downfield and takes in a perfect 22-yard pass from Nate Hughes on a halfback option to give Antioch its first touchdown of the game. He's back out there on the next play as the Sequoits kick the extra point.

He would stay on the field through the end of the first half, as part of the coverage team on the ensuing kickoff and on the defensive unit in the secondary.

"It's pretty tough out there, especially on defense," Neuman said. "I was pretty winded. But I didn't want to come out."

But being in on almost every play is becoming par for the course for Neuman.

"I try to be an all-around player," Neuman said. "I tried to build up my size in the offseason so I could be on the field at all times. I just want to do whatever I can to help out the team."

Antioch coach Del Pechauer recognizes Neuman's value to the team.

"If we lose him it's like we're losing three players," Pechauer said. "He hasn't missed a play yet. He worked really hard in the offseason to get himself ready."

While he never misses a play on offense, he's gotten used to not seeing the ball much in a backfield that includes Nick Nathan and Hughes, who have combined for over 1,700 yards rushing so far this season. So instead, he just makes the most of his opportunities, like he did three weeks ago in a win over Zion-Benton.

In that game, Neuman had just two carries, but ran both of them in for scores in a win over the Zee-Bees.

"It's tough to get a carry in that backfield," Neuman said. "So when my number's called, I try to perform big." -By Rob Backus

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CARMEL

"I think tonight was a turning point for us. We came out and played to our ability."

Sarah Yeager
Carmel Volleyball Coach



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Corsairs looking for quick turnaround

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

A There's usually not much that can be taken away from a 1-4 showing in a tournament, but Carmel's volleyball team was able to take away several positives from the Lake Forest Invite last weekend.

"That tournament taught us that we can't take any teams lightly," Carmel coach Sarah Yeager said. "We won the first game of four of the matches, but we couldn't put them away. That taught us that we have to learn to finish. Dropping those matches may help us in the long run. It was a big wakeup call."

Carmel defeated Hoffman Estates (25-18, 23-25, 15-8), but lost to Vernon Hills (25-23, 24-26, 12-15), Glenbrook South (25-12, 22-25, 9-15), Lake Forest (20-25, 25-17, 25-13) and Deerfield (21-25, 18-25).

Pam Stanton (24 kills, six aces), Teresa Ogrinc (22 kills, 21 blocks), Abby Sup (25 kills), Erica Masini (51 assists), Kelley Semens (42 assists), Becky Kersten (23 digs) and Erin Walsh (10 blocks) led the way in the tournament.

The lessons learned Saturday carried over quickly for the Corsairs, who defeated Zion-Benton 23-25, 25-23, 25-18 on Tuesday. The win improved Carmel's record to 15-14-1 on the season.

"We came out and played tough tonight," Yeager said. "It takes a lot to drop the first game and come back and win the last two, especially on the road. We were able to finish them off tonight. I think tonight was a turning point for us. We came out and played to our ability."

The key to the win, according to Yeager, was defense as Stanton led the way with 15 digs. Jessica Toby added seven for the Corsairs. The pair also led the team in aces with two and three, respectively.

"Our defense was great," Yeager said. "We played the defense we needed to play to win."

Kelly Gleason (nine kills, five blocks), Sup (eight kills), Masini (19 assists), Ogrinc (seven blocks) and Walsh (six blocks) all had solid matches for Carmel.

The team's play on Tuesday night is exactly what Yeager would like to see the rest of the season.

"I just want 100 percent effort every night," Yeager said. "I've been talking to the girls and I told them we have less than three weeks until regionals. We have to decide to go out there and win; we have to refuse to lose matches."

Speaking of regionals, the Corsairs drew the No. 10 seed for the upcoming Warren sectional. But for now, Carmel will attempt to get its first ESCC win with matches against Nazareth and Bishop McNamara coming up.

"We want to win out the rest of the season and hopefully win a couple conference matches," Yeager said.

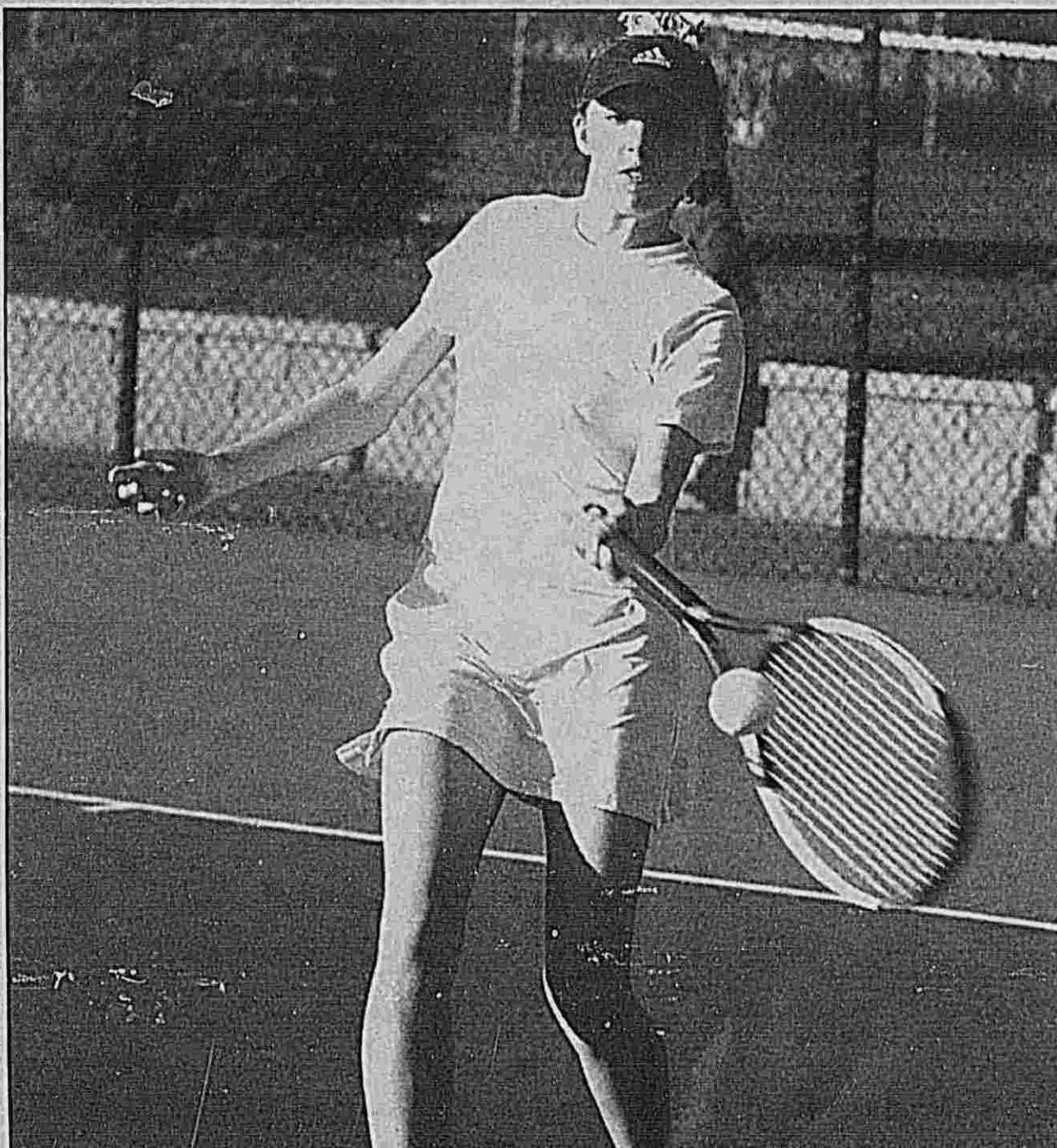


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Carmel High School's Catherine Grachek plays in the No. 1 singles position during a home match against Providence.

FOOTBALL

With Carmel leading St. Patrick 19-0 in the second quarter, the Corsairs 21-game winning streak seemed all but certain to rise to 22.

Carmel came out looking poised to remain undefeated in the East Suburban Catholic Conference, scoring on each of their first three drives.

It started with a 63-yard run on the third play of the game by Carmel running back Jimmy Potempa to make the score 7-0.

Then it was Steve Hironimus' turn, as he caught a 31-yard pass from quarterback Tyler Ackney on the Corsairs' (5-1, 5-1) next possession. But what would prove to be a vital two-point conversion failed.

The blowout seemed to be on when Darren Davis caught a five-yard touchdown pass from Ankney. While kicker Kevin Cook missed the ensuing extra point attempt, it didn't seem to matter at that point with Carmel up 19-0.

But by the fourth quarter, the Shamrocks had the lead and would not relinquish it, as both teams were scoreless in a cold, rainy fourth quarter.

St. Pat's (5-1, 5-1) rally began in the second quarter, when running back Kevin Golden busted through for a five-yard touchdown run.

In the third quarter, Shamrock running back/linebacker Mike Dietz ran in a five-yard touchdown and followed that up with a 1-yard scoring run. That sealed the deal, as St. Pat's won 20-19.

GIRLS TENNIS

The girls tennis team lost to Woodlands 3-2 Oct. 4 in a non-conference match-up.

No. 1 singles player, senior Catherine Grachek, won her match 6-3, 6-2.

The No. 4 doubles accounted for the only other win of the match. The tandem of senior Ashley Gier and junior Kathleen Callahan defeated their opponents 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

PREPROFILES



CARMEL
Teresa Ogrinc

Basketball season doesn't start for another seven weeks, but Carmel's Teresa Ogrinc is already starting to get the itch.

"Whenever I'm not looking, Teresa uses her volleyball to shoot at the baskets during practice," Carmel coach Sarah Yeager said.

That's because basketball is the sport of choice for Ogrinc, who averaged eight points and seven rebounds per game in helping the Carmel hoops team to its best season in school history.

While Ogrinc's mind may drift to basketball at times during practice, Yeager can't fault her resolve during matches.

"She's the most intense player on the team," Yeager said. "She knows what it takes to win. And she always gives 100 percent in every match."

"I'm pretty intense out there," Ogrinc said. "I like to win and the team is starting to see that we need to win right now. I think we'll pull it together."

Carmel currently sits 15-14-1 record and Ogrinc's positive attitude and her leadership will be key to the Corsairs' success down the stretch and in the postseason.

"She's always positive, always trying to get the girls together," Yeager said.

"I just try to be the best leader I can be and give it my all all the time," Ogrinc said.

Yeager can also depend on Ogrinc in the clutch.

"She's our best blocker so I can always match her up with the opposition's best hitter," Yeager said. "She's also a strong hitter. I know I can count on her for a kill in a close match."

While Ogrinc doesn't necessarily like the pressure, she has learned to cope with it.

"I'm pretty competitive out there," Ogrinc said. "And basketball has taught me to deal with the pressure." -By Rob Backus

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GRANT

"(Eric) Horvath had a breakthrough game."

Mark Barczak
Grant Football Coach



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Bulldogs earn 1st win of season

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Perhaps a trip down memory lane helped inspire the Grant Bulldogs. Following an 0-4 start, coach Mark Barczak reached deep into the files for accounts of how another 0-4 team still won the division and made the playoffs. The Bulldogs are 2-0 since, the latest win a 27-7 victory in the rain at rival Round Lake.

The Grant passing game was stalled by the weather, but Eric Lostroscio is always at the ready. Eric Horvath had more than 200 yards rushing and scored two of the three TDs Friday.

"I don't think it is any different. It is just that we have so many key guys. It is just they have to watch more than the run," Horvath said.

"It is nice to have players out there to throw to," Lostroscio said.

Lostroscio also punts for Grant.

"Horvath had a breakthrough game," Barczak said.

Craig Brock scored the lone Round Lake TD, when it was already 20-0 Grant.

Horvath scored first on a 6-yard run. After a short-blocked Round Lake punt, Grant had a short field and Lostroscio connected with Matt Behm for 10-yard TD pass and a 13-0 lead.

Eric and Eric, both seniors, said several players have their moments keeping the team loose. One player slipped and fell on slick pavement after a practice, leading to all trying to use their cleats as skateboards.

The two Eric's go their separate ways come November, as Horvath is a returning state wrestler while Lostroscio helps out the hoops team. Horvath is a state qualifier hurdler in the spring while Lostroscio plays baseball. But for the next three weeks, they are united in a drive for the playoffs.

Both offenses were bogged down by the slick surface and heady defenses. Round Lake's Calvin Torres, a junior linebacker, and Anthony Beaudion, a senior defensive end, recovered fumbles.

Rick Howell recovered a fumble for Grant. Mike Nixon was in on five stops, senior linebacker Nick Mazzuca was involved in 14 stops; Joe Barczak was in on six plays and returned kickoffs; Behm was in on five stops and Chris Robinson had six.

The Bulldogs are far from taking anything for granted, with homecoming against now dangerous Wauconda on deck Oct. 9.

"We know that we are in a dogfight every week," Barczak said.

Round Lake, 0-6, 0-2, takes on North Chicago away Oct. 8.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Grant posted a 2-0 win over Wauconda in North Suburban Conference Prairie Division volleyball action.



Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Grant High School's Bryan Mark battles for the ball against Round Lake's Erick Hernandez during a match in Fox Lake.

The win gave Grant a 16-7 overall record. Grant prevailed 25-17, 25-14.

Danielle Eiler was 11-12 in attack with 5 kills, followed by Tara Guidry at 8-10 with 4 kills. Becka Gonyo was 9-11 with 4 kills and Amanda Alioto was 6-6 with one kill.

Setter Stephanie Coats was 32-37 with 12 assists.

Gonyo had 8 assists and 3 kills and Eiler had 2 kills.

Jenna Howard, a sophomore, had 11 assists and 3 kills for Wauconda. Maggie Iverson was 20-23 with 8 kills and Jessica Middlesworth was 7 of 7. Middlesworth had a trio of aces on 6 of 7 in serving.

Grant is at North Chicago Oct. 13 and hosts Zion-Benton Oct. 15. Both teams are at the "CrossTown Classic" Oct. 22.

Earlier, Grant beat Christian Liberty 25-19, 25-12 in a home match. Eiler was 14-16 in attack with 8 kills; Gonyo was 9-9 with 5 kills and Guidry was 18-19 with 8 kills. Coats had a perfect 46-46 setting match with 18 assists. Coats with 13-14 with 2 aces and Eiler with 9-10, also with an ace, were serving leaders.

BOYS SOCCER

Grant and Round Lake battled to a 2-2 tie in NSC Prairie Division soccer action.

Ian Hunter and Bryan Mark scored the Grant goals.

Round Lake led 2-1 at halftime before Grant tied it up in the second half. Senior Israel Pulido and Andres Rios, who also kicks for the football team, scored for Round Lake.

"It was a very physical match, but I thought that we should have beaten them. I had seen them before. They probably played their best match against us. We thought we scored at the end, but it was overruled due to a penalty," said Grant coach Shane Rivette.

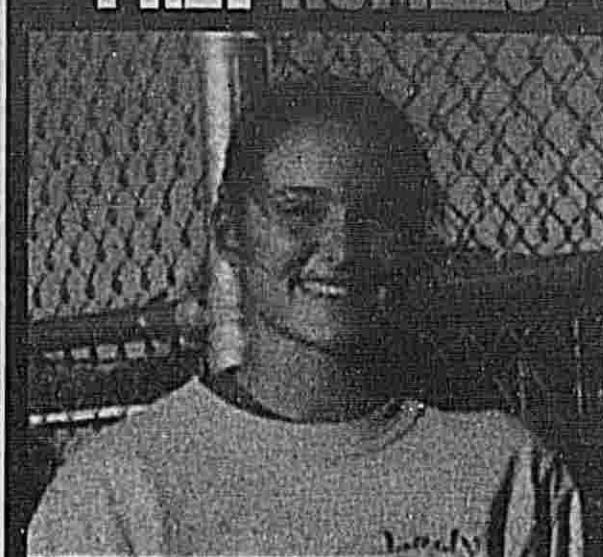
Grant goalie Greg Shell made eight saves.

Grant also tied Vernon Hills in division play to a 1-1 draw. "It is do or die against Wauconda, because they are usually the division favorites," Rivette said.

Grant stands at 8-5-3, 0-0-2, after the tie.

"We have some injuries, but we're like any soccer team at midseason," Rivette said. "I tell the players that you're soccer players first and we will put you in as needed."

PREPROFILES



Catherine Savage

Grant High's tennis team accomplished one of its top preseas goals thanks to the consistency of its top singles players.

Catherine Savage, a senior, won the No. 1 singles position in a friendly battle with Katie Postlewait in August. The two have flourished at their positions as Grant shares the NSC Prairie title with Wauconda and Vernon Hills with 4-1 dual records. The NSC meet is the next challenge, hosted by Warren, Oct. 7-9.

"At No. 1 singles, you have to play against the other teams' best players," Savage said. "You learn things and if they beat you with something, you learn to take it away next time. I started to play tennis my freshmen year because I was looking for a fall sport."

Postlewait moved up from the JV team last year.

The whole team has shown improvement to be co-division champs. Grant was only 4-10 in duals last year, and is 6-7 with one more match to go.

"Coach (Glen) Hofeldt does a lot of things to make it fun," Savage said. "He keeps the practices going."

"The whole team really wanted to win it for coach," Savage said. "I faced a lot of tough girls, but I just played my best. I learned to play hard and try my best, and put 100 percent into it."

Postlewait has gained nine wins at the No. 2 single slot, including a win over Zion-Benton last week and a strong showing at the Johnsburg tournament. She is 9-4 in singles play.

Beating Vernon Hills was key to division sharing crown, she said.

"My record is 9-4 and I would really like to have 10 wins," she said of a personal goal.

Savage is 4-8 in singles and has played in one doubles match as well.

Hofeldt knows winning the division share is special. "It is a great senior group," he said. -By Steve Peterson

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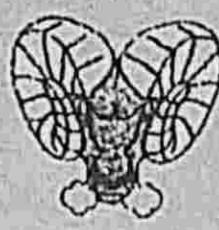
GRAYSLAKE

"We have to get back to playing old Grayslake style of football. We need to not turn the ball over, control it on offense, play good defense and hit."

Vito Andriola
Grayslake Football Coach



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Rams get back on track

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

For a team that scored just seven points in its previous 12 quarters, the first 10 minutes of last Friday's game against Huntley had to be a breath of fresh air for Grayslake.

"Our confidence was really shaken going in," Grayslake coach Vito Andriola said. "But we had a good week of practice and it carried over into the game."

After holding the Red Raiders to a three-and-out on the opening drive of the game, Grayslake lineman Steve Beverley blocked the punt out of the end zone to give the Rams a safety and a 2-0 lead.

On the ensuing drive after the free kick, Grayslake went 45 yards on just five plays, culminating with a 25-yard scamper from Eric Rohde (11 carries, 102 yards) to take a 9-0 lead.

The Rams then forced Huntley to punt once again on its next drive and proceeded to take the ball 66 yards on nine plays, with the key play coming on a 30-yard run from Brian Centella to the 1-yard line. Quarterback Evan Jones then ran the ball in on the next play to give the Rams a 16-0 lead near the end of the opening quarter.

Grayslake's defensive dominance continued, holding Huntley to a school-record low 93 yards of total offense in the game.

"It looked like the Grayslake defense of old," Andriola said.

The team would add another safety in the third quarter and Rohde added the back-breaker with another 25-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter for the Rams, who improved to 2-4 overall and 2-4 in the Fox Valley Conference with the 24-6 win.

"This win really helped our confidence," Andriola said. "We had gone five weeks without a win. Our guys were really starting to doubt things."

However, Grayslake suffered a blow when one of its leaders, Doug Hanson, went down with an injury. He will miss at least the next two weeks while recovering from a high ankle sprain.

"His injury really hurts us on the field because he's one of our leaders," Andriola said. "But it really hurts because it's a domino effect. Now we have to move players around to try to compensate."

The win keeps Grayslake's faint playoff hopes alive. The Rams will have to win out, but if they do, they will definitely have the points necessary to qualify for the postseason.

"We have to get back to playing old Grayslake style of football," Andriola said. "We need to not turn the ball over, control it on offense, play good defense and hit. That's our MO. We did that against Huntley and we won."

Unfortunately, the Rams have to face McHenry, a team that beat Grayslake twice last season.

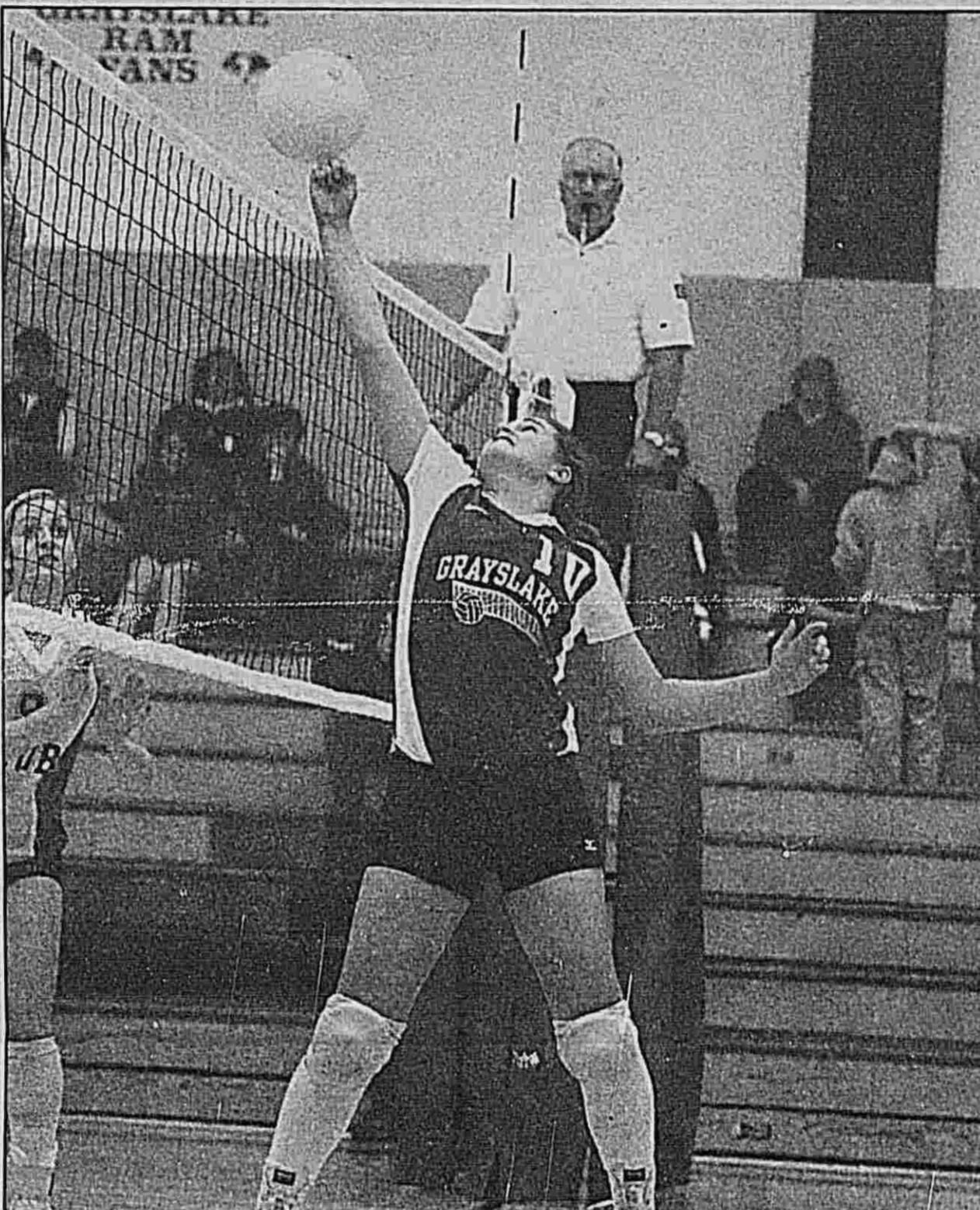


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Grayslake High School's Nicole Sarver tips the ball over the net during a home match against Jacobs.

A win against McHenry would be huge, probably one of the biggest in school history," Andriola said. "The loser of that game will probably be eliminated from the playoffs."

The Rams will take on the Warriors in McHenry on Oct. 8 at 7:45 p.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

The girls tennis team defeated Dundee Crown 7-0 Oct. 5.

The Rams (10-5, 5-4) singles of No. 1 Lynne Poggensee-Wei, No. 2 Darlene Naolhu and No. 3 Chelsea Thomas did not give up a single point as they swept through their matches.

The No. 1 doubles tandem of seniors Bridget Barry and Jocelyn Sandberg won their

match 6-2, 6-2 to pace the doubles teams.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The girls volleyball team defeated Jacobs 2-1 (14-25, 25-15, 25-14) Oct. 15.

Jill Smart, who tallied five blocks, six aces and six kills, led the Rams. Other team leaders were Nicole Sarver (21 assists), Gabby Pate and Rochie Vergara (six digs each), and Ashleigh Swearingen (seven kills).

BOYS SOCCER

The boys soccer team were shut out by McHenry in Fox Valley Conference match-up Oct. 5, losing 4-0.

The loss drops the Rams to 6-10 overall and 2-4 in conference play.

PREPROFILES



Brian Centella

Two weeks ago, Grayslake's football team was struggling with its defense, so head coach Vito Andriola decided to shake things up a bit.

With his team allowing more than three-times the points per game than they had last season defensive backs coach Steve Wood told him that it might be a good idea to shift senior Brian Centella from defensive back to linebacker.

"That was the best move I've done in a long time," Andriola said. "In three days he learned a tough and important position. And he hasn't played it good, he's played it great."

But for Centella it wasn't a big deal.

"It was tough, but a lot of fun to learn a new defensive position," Centella said. "I'm willing to do whatever it takes to help the team win."

That also includes playing wing-back on offense, something Centella has done his entire career.

Despite having just 38 players on his roster, Andriola only played two players on both sides of the ball, Doug Hanson and Andriola.

"He's just so athletic, I almost have to play him both ways," Andriola said. "If he just played one or the other he'd be unbelievable. His spots on both sides of the ball are so demanding, but he does it without a whimper."

In fact, Centella wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's tough to play both ways but it's so much fun," Centella said. "I'm on the field all the time. That's what I wanted before the season."

And while the season hasn't gone as planned, as Grayslake currently sports a 2-4 record, it's not due to lack of effort on Centella's part.

"He's been the best player on the team," Andriola said. "He does whatever you need. He's a great team player. I just can't say enough about him." -By Rob Backus

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(on Libertyville's Oct. 8 match-up with Warren)

Randy Kuceyeski
Head Football Coach



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Home-sweet-homecoming for Cats

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

As the first half of Libertyville's match-up with North Suburban Conference Lake Division foe Mundelein came to a close, it seemed to be business as usual.

The Wildcats had jumped out to a 23-0 lead in their homecoming game and were well on their way to a 6-0 overall record.

But the second half was a different story, as the Mustangs came out with a more intense defense and held the Wildcats to only one more touchdown.

"I was waiting for the final whistle to blow just to get off the field, that's how bad it was," Wildcats head coach Randy Kuceyeski said.

Libertyville senior quarterback Brett Lancaster was sacked four times in the game, three of the hits coming in the second half, and fumbled once.

Senior running back Tom Sitz was also tackled in the end zone, resulting in a two-point safety for Mundelein (4-2, 0-2).

On a team that boasts one of the best offensive lines in the area, it was uncharacteristic to see Lancaster scrambling so much.

"Protection was our major problem because Brett was sacked four times," Kuceyeski said.

But the Mustangs were not able to get a scoring attack going in the second half either. Aside from the safety, their only points came with three seconds left in the game when senior running back Jake Gaebler had a nice 58-yard touchdown catch from senior quarterback Warren Arnold to make the final score 30-8.

The Wildcats (6-0, 2-0) only touchdown of the second half also came in the final seconds of the fourth quarter after senior defensive back David Romito intercepted an Arnold pass at Mundelein's 33-yard line.

Five plays later, senior defensive back Kevin Burns, who had subbed in at running back for senior starter Jeff Fontana, ran the ball in for a four-yard touchdown with 36 seconds left on the clock.

The first half was an entirely different story for the Wildcats.

On the first drive of the game, Fontana busted loose for a 71-yard touchdown run.

The Wildcats were not able to score for the rest of the first quarter but got on the board again when senior place kicker Matt Partain sent the ball through the uprights for a 33-yard field goal early in the second.

The first-half scoring was rounded out by senior running back Kyle Nader, who caught a screen pass from Lancaster and ran it 55 yards into the end zone, and Fontana, who had a four-yard touchdown run.

While Fontana did not play most of the second half, he still managed to rush for a total of 101 yards. Lancaster also had good numbers despite the punishment he received from Mundelein's defense, throwing for 165 yards



Photo by John Dickson

Libertyville Wildcat Kevin Burns takes out Mundelein Mustang Jake Gaebler during the Libertyville Homecoming football game. Libertyville won the game with a score of 30 to 8.

and a touchdown.

Libertyville will now prepare for their Oct. 8 game against Warren (5-1, 2-0) which will have huge implications in the NSC Lake Division and could be one of the best games in the Chicagoland area this season.

The defense will have to be on their A-game in order to contain the Blue Devils' star running back, Mitchell Moore, who rushed for 283 yards against Antioch Oct. 2.

"That's one of our biggest games of the year and I know we'll come out ready for them," Kuceyeski said.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The girls volleyball team continued to roll toward the post-season Oct. 1 when they took on fellow powerhouse and NSC Lake division foe Warren.

The Wildcats (17-3, 2-1) didn't disappoint in a down-to-the-wire match-up on homecoming weekend, beating the Blue Devils in straight games, 25-21, 25-23.

Senior captains Christine Marchinski (eight digs, five kills, six service points, one ace) and Alyssa Gintant (54-of-55 setting, 20 assists) led the way for Libertyville.

With sectionals right around the corner, head coach Chris Trzyna said the win over Warren was huge.

"What a great way to start homecoming weekend," she said. "(Oct. 1's) win was key to the Lake Division standings and going into the sectional seeding meeting. We stayed focused and battled in a close match."

The Wildcats drew the No. 3 seed heading into sectionals Nov. 2.

CROSS COUNTRY

Both the boys and girls cross country teams had strong showings against Antioch October 5 at Adler Park in Libertyville.

Erica Mientus grabbed the top spot on the girls' side with a time of 19:10, while teammate Alli Van Beek finished close behind, clocking in at 20:27.

The girls team earned the lowest score possible, as they earned the third through fifth spots to beat the Sequoits 15-30.

The boys team just edged Antioch 28-29. Wildcat Tim Taylor took first place with a time of 16:24, Josh Schweigert was the next best runner for the Wildcats, coming in fourth with a time of 16:47.

PREP PROFILES



Kevin Burns

Thirty-five, 30 and 6 are numbers that Libertyville football fans know well.

They are the digits worn on the jerseys of senior running backs Jeff Fontana, Kyle Nader and Tom Sitz, respectively.

But if the Wildcats are winning a game convincingly and clock is winding down, a new number appears in the backfield—25. That would be senior cornerback Kevin Burns, who has become the backfield's closer this season.

It has become common to see him replace Fontana in the final few minutes of a game, and it has become equally routine to see him take the ball into the endzone to cap off a win.

"He's a good athlete," Libertyville head coach Randy Kuceyeski said. "If we didn't have three solid running backs in the backfield then he'd probably be starting both ways. We're kind of overly abundant in that area so it's kind of nice to have a utility guy on offense."

But Burns also doesn't have any illusions about his role on the team, which is to cover the opposition's best receiver.

"I'm just there if Fontana goes down (on offense)," Burns said. "He runs the show I just tag along. Mostly defense is my focus."

As a senior captain he is one of defense's most solid leaders. He said he is more focused on reading the opponent's offensive schemes than participating in the Wildcat's wing-t offense.

He has snatched two interceptions out of the air so far this season, both against North Chicago Sept. 10, and has broken up numerous other plays.

And while Burns values his defensive performance the most, if he's playing in the backfield that usually means the Wildcats are going to win the game and Fontana is breathing easy on the bench.

"Our coaching staff, when they take Fontana out, they're like 'alright let's give Burns a touchdown,'" he said.—By Matt Pera

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MUNDELEIN

"I take my hat off to the kids. I think they're growing up and that's all I can ask."

Dave Whitson
Head Football Coach

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Mustangs make strides

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

After the Mundelein football team lost 30-8 at Libertyville Oct. 2, head coach Dave Whitson huddled his players together at midfield.

He didn't admonish them and he didn't talk about the things they needed to do to be better in next week's game.

"You guys played a great game today," he told them. "This is something for us to build on."

While the Mustangs (4-2, 0-2) lost the North Suburban Lake Division match-up by 22 points, they held Libertyville to one touchdown in the second half—a four-yard run by senior defensive back/running back Kevin Burns.

They actually tied the Wildcats (6-0, 2-0) 8-8 after halftime, tackling Libertyville running back Tom Sitz in the end zone for a safety and getting a touchdown from senior running back Jake Gaebler in the final seconds of the game.

But Whitson cited his squad's defense as the highlight of the day.

"We were very fortunate that our defense played well," he said. "You don't know if (the Wildcats) were overlooking us a little bit or you don't know if we were rising to the occasion. I like to think we were rising to the occasion. At least from the standpoint of the program we're going to go from there."

The Mustangs' player of the game on the defensive side of the ball was senior linebacker Matt Stahl, who sacked Libertyville quarterback Brett Lancaster three times and forced one fumble.

Stahl said he was aware of Libertyville's highly-touted offensive line, which made the sacks all the more enjoyable.

"It was fun just blitzing off the outside," he said. "It felt so great. I was just happy to go off the great defensive scheme."

In the first half, however, the defense had their problems.

It started on Libertyville's first possession, when senior running back Jeff Fontana busted loose for a 71-yard touchdown run less than two minutes into the game.

Early in the second quarter senior place kicker Matt Partain booted a 33-yard field goal to put the Wildcats up 9-0.

Gaebler came into the game for the Mustangs as one of the biggest offensive threats in the state.

But the Wildcats were able to keep him out of the end zone for much of the game, though he did manage 89 yards rushing and 97 receiving.

His only touchdown came with three seconds left in the game when he caught a 58-yard bomb from senior quarterback Warren Arnold.

"I didn't think that was ever going to happen but we were able to capitalize on them going one on one with Jake," Whitson said.

The Mustangs will now shoot for their first NSC Lake Division win, when they take on Lake Forest at home October 8.

Whitson said he saw his squad make



Photo by John Dickson

Mundelein High School's Arnold Warren runs the ball during Libertyville High School's homecoming game.

strides in the right direction against the Wildcats.

"I take my hat off to the kids," he said. "I think they're growing up and that's all I can ask."

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The girls volleyball team had a strong showing against NSC Lake Division foe Lake Forest Oct. 1, winning 2-1 (23-25, 25-15, 25-16).

The win raised the Mustangs record to 8-12 overall and 1-2 in division play.

Mundelein was led by senior outside hitter Ashley Cretacci (19 service points, two aces, 11 kills, seven digs), sophomore setter Paige Tortorello (15 service points, 14 assists, two aces) and sophomore middle hitter Kelli Boich (ten digs, eight kills, five blocks).

BOYS GOLF

The Mustangs fell short of reaching the IHSA sectionals, as they fell 12 strokes short of the qualifying fourth-place finish at the Lake Bluff regionals Oct. 5 with a score of 326.

Deerfield was the fourth-place qualifier, while Lake Forest won the meet with a score of 301.

Three individual Mundelein golfers qualified for sectionals, which will be held in Rock Island Oct. 12.

Scott Sakoda shot a 79, while Ryan Ricci and Tyler Wollberg each chipped in scores of 81.

GIRLS TENNIS

The girls tennis team went 1-1 at the Wheeling Quad Oct. 2.

The Mustangs defeated Bartlett 5-2, led by No. 1 singles player Cynthia Panganiban, who won her match 6-1, 6-0.

No. 3 singles player, sophomore Sara DiNovi, won her match 7-5, 6-4, 10-8. The doubles also fared well, paced by the No. 2 tandem of Ana Antonetti and Andrea Scarim, who won their match 7-5, 1-6, 10-8.

The Mustangs also lost to Wheeling 2-5, getting a 6-0, 6-1 win from Antonetti and Scarim, as well as a 6-2, 2-6, 10-5 victory from the No. 4 tandem of Katelynn Koepke and Shurti Surya.

BOYS SOCCER

The boys soccer team was shutout by Lake Forest Oct. 5, losing 4-0 in the NSC Lake division match-up.

PREPROFILES



Matt Stahl

Just ask Mundelein senior Matt Stahl about playing outside linebacker for the Mustangs and it's obvious why he plays the position.

His eyes light up like a kid on Christmas and a smile crosses his face. "It's so fun to blitz and make the hit," he said.

But before this season he was the one taking the hit, not giving it.

During his first three years of high school football he played quarterback for Streamwood High School in Streamwood, Ill. Last season, he started all nine games under center.

But when he moved to Mundelein with his family over the summer, the Mustangs coaching staff saw potential for Stahl on the other side of the ball.

"I transferred here and I guess they saw that I could hit because they put me at outside linebacker," he said. "I guess they see me more as a linebacker. I'm glad, I like it. It's fun to hit."

Stahl's affinity for tackling has been obvious since he took over the position.

On Oct. 2 he busted through Libertyville's highly-touted offensive line to sack Wildcat quarterback Brett Lancaster four times.

He didn't play much the first two games of the season, but did play some at fullback in the Mustangs first game of the season against Grant, scoring a one-yard touchdown.

Six games into the season, he said he has fully adjusted to playing linebacker.

"I didn't feel comfortable the first couple games but I feel comfortable right now, I love it now," he said.

Stahl cited dropping back into the flat and his tackling form as the two major areas he continues to work on to improve.

He still occasionally gets onto the field as a quarterback, mainly during trick plays, but said he has embraced his new position.

"I like it a lot more," he said. "At quarterback you can't hit and then they put me at linebacker and now I can hit people in the mouth." —By Matt Pera



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ROUND LAKE

"Jeff (Wegner) knew what he needed to do and played it smart."

Alan Dorfman
Round Lake Boys' Golf Coach

Quote Me



Wegner takes 2nd at NSC meet

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Round Lake's Jeff Wegner took home runner-up honors at the NSC Boys Golf meet held at Midlane Country Club in Wadsworth.

Wegner had a bogey on the playoff hole, the 18th, while Joe Kinney of Antioch scored a par to win it. Both had a score of 76 through 18 holes.

"Jeff knew what he needed to do and played it smart," said RL coach Alan Dorfman.

The two were in the second group, so it was straight back to the hole that they had finished for the playoff. All eyes were on them as the two from Antioch and Round Lake squared off to see who the best golfer is that day in the NSC.

"A lot of golfers from both teams were cheering them on," Dorfman said.

The two had similar tee shots, but Kinney was able to pull out the win.

Wegner, a senior, transferred to Round Lake this year from Texas.

Dorfman said Wagner's effort should bode well for the regional this week at Lake Bluff Golf Course.

Wegner kept up his momentum, qualifying for a trip to the sectional meet Oct. 12 in Rock Island as he shot an 80.

"He played the first nine holes very well, but he was worried about the back nine holes. He was ready for the tournament and excited," Dorfman said.

Joe Reasland had an 87 for Round Lake.

The cutoff score to qualify for Rock Island was 81. The sectional meet puts Wagner one step away from the state tournament.

Round Lake's team score was 367, good enough for 12th of 15 teams. Lake Forest won the team title with a 301 score.

FOOTBALL

The Round Lake football team could not capitalize on some of Grant's mistakes in their North Suburban Conference Prairie division match-up Oct. 1, as they lost to the Bulldogs 27-7.

Grant jumped out fast in the first quarter, putting 20 points on the board.

The onslaught started when running back Eric Horvath busted loose for 48 yards on the Bulldogs' (2-4, 2-0) first possession. The run set-up a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Eric Lostroscio.

Lostroscio then hit Matt Behm on an 18-yard touchdown pass. That was followed by a five-yard touchdown run by Horvath.

Round Lake, on the other hand, had a hard time getting into any offensive rhythm, as Panthers could only muster 138 yards rushing and 45 yards passing on the night.

Despite the inability to put together a big play, Round Lake (0-6, 0-2) did manage 16 first downs (four more than Grant) and had only one penalty for 15 yards.

Grant, on the other hand, fumbled the ball five times in the third quarter, losing it twice. They also were able to muster only one more touchdown after the first quarter, a 71-yard run by Horvath late in the fourth.

The Panthers finally got on the board with just under four minutes to play in the fourth quarter, when senior running back/linebacker Craig Brock (67 yards on 24 carries) ran four yards into the end zone for the final score of the night.

Horvath was clearly the offensive player of the game, carrying the ball 15 times for 204 yards and two touchdowns.

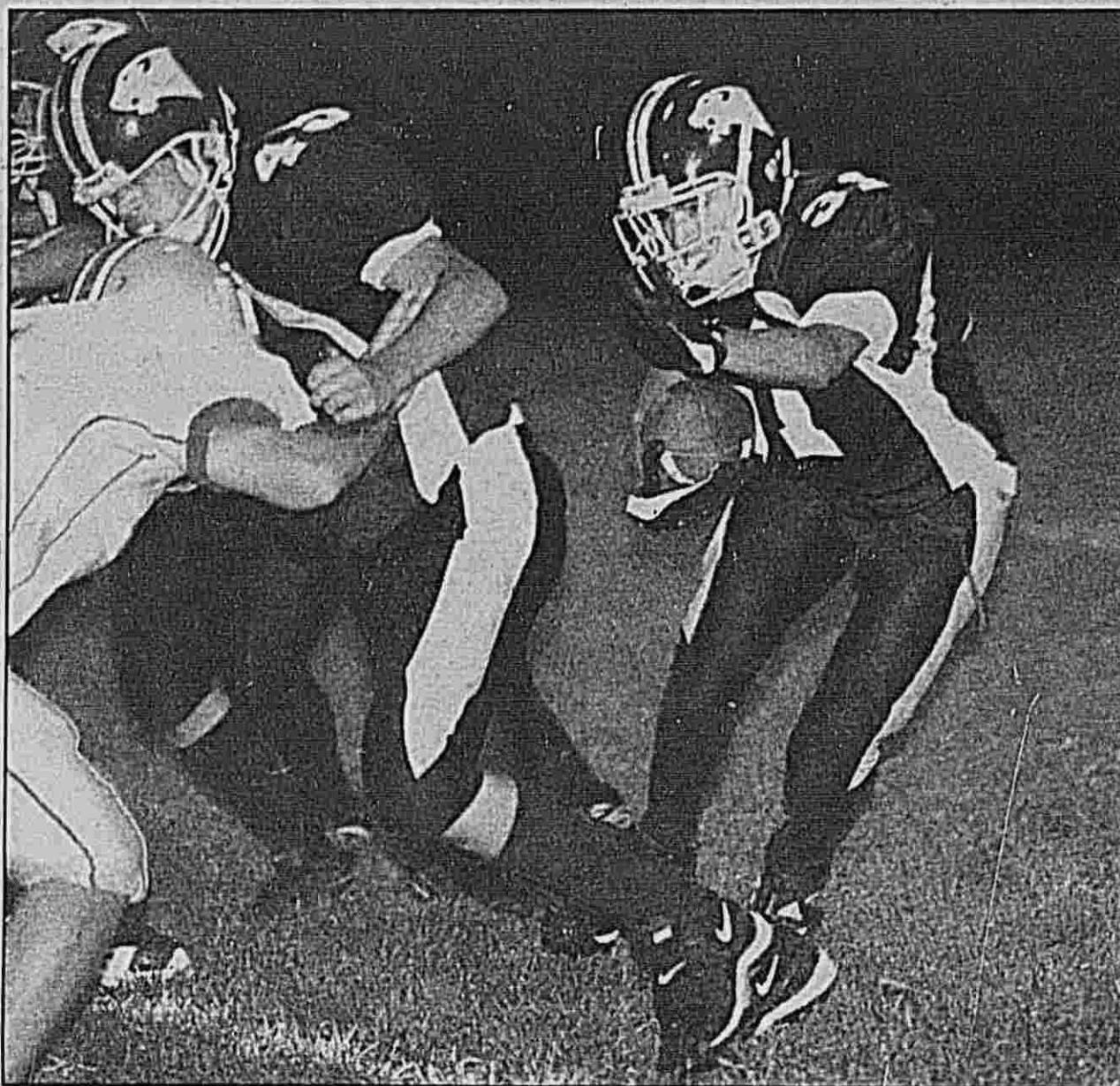


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Round Lake's Cesar Gomez carries the ball in a game against Mundelein earlier this season.

The Panthers will next travel to the Prairie Division-leading North Chicago Warhawks field for an Oct. 8 match-up.

BOYS SOCCER

Grant and Round Lake battled to a 2-2 tie in NSC Prairie Division soccer action.

Ian Hunter and Bryan Mark scored the Grant goals.

Round Lake led 2-1 at halftime before Grant tied it up in the second half. Senior Israel Pulido and Andres Rios, who also kicks for the football team, scored for Round Lake.

"It was a very physical match, but I thought that we should have beaten them. I had seen them before. They probably played their best match against us. We thought we scored at the end, but it was overruled due to a penalty," said Grant coach Shane Rivette.

SCHEDULES

Upcoming sports events for Round Lake High sports teams: Oct. 8, varsity and sophomore football at North Chicago, 7 p.m., Oct. 15, varsity and sophomore football host Zion-Benton, 7 p.m., Oct. 8, cross country at Elmwood Park Invitational, Oct. 11, cross country at Lake County Meet, at North Chicago, Oct. 12, cross country at Johnsburg Pumpkin Invite, Oct. 16, cross country at NSC meet at Lakewood Forest Preserve, Oct. 12, boys soccer hosts Vernon Hills, 6:15 p.m., Oct. 14, boys soccer at Mundelein, 6:15 p.m., Oct. 7-9, girls tennis at NSC meet, hosted by Warren, Oct. 12, girls tennis at Spirit of the Northwest Tournament hosted by Round Lake and Wauconda, Oct. 13, girls volleyball, home, Zion-Benton, 5 p.m. and Oct. 15, girls volleyball at Vernon Hills, 5 p.m.



Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Round Lake High School's Jesse Salgado dribbles the ball during a game against Grant Community High School in Fox Lake.

PREPROFILES



Cindy Gomez

Junior Cindy Gomez was one of Coach Pat Costello's many recruits when the subject of the tennis team's season came up last year in physics class. Gomez decided to give it a try and was No. 1 singles player for the JV team. She has continued in that role for the Panthers this fall, preparing to face the NSC's toughest singles players at the conference meet hosted by Warren Oct. 7-9.

"Gomez needs more experience hitting the ball. She is a very good athlete. This is her second year in singles," Costello said.

"It has been a good experience. I was in JV last year, my first year out for tennis, and everything was new to me," Gomez said.

With some lessons, encouragement from Costello, help from older brother Cesar at Shag Bark court, Gomez was willing to volunteer to battle against the NSC powerhouses.

Gomez won a three-set match over Zion-Benton for her first win in 2004. She won two games in a long match as Round Lake dropped a 5-0 decision to Vernon Hills last week.

"Her strength is her speed. It is huge. If you don't win one point, then the opponent may try and put it closer to the line, leading to unforced errors," Costello said.

The match against Zion featured a comeback after losing the first set 6-0. Gomez won 6-3, 6-0. "It was a great win for her, a confidence booster," Costello said.

"It was good to comeback. I was just determined," she said.

She has worked on her serve this year.

The Panthers also hope to gain points from the conference meet from the No. 1 doubles team of Erin Poynter and Katrina Beccerra. They won two games against Vernon Hills in a straight-set loss. "It would depend on the luck of the draw, but we are optimistic," Costello said. -By Steve Peterson

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VERNON HILLS

"We're still doing the old two step forward, one step backward thing and our mistakes in allowing the big plays killed us."

Tony Monken
Vernon Hills Football Coach

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Big plays cost Cougars

By Matt Pera

Sports Reporter

For most of the first half, it looked like this could be the night for the Vernon Hills football team.

It was homecoming, they were on their home turf, and a big home crowd had turned out despite the cold weather and the rain. It seemed to be the perfect setting for the Cougars to upset North Suburban Conference Prairie Division-leading North Chicago for their first win of the season.

But a few big plays by the Warhawks (4-2, 2-0) on both sides of the ball proved too costly, as Vernon Hills lost 21-6.

"We dominated the first-half time of possession," Vernon Hills head coach Tony Monken said. "We moved the ball and we kept their offense off the field. With the talented kids they have on offense, we had to do that."

Nobody was more talented than the Warhawks' senior quarterback Josh Allen, who rushed for two touchdowns, one of which was an 85-yard sprint downfield. He also hooked up with junior receiver Kevin Strawder for a five-yard touchdown pass on North Chicago's opening drive of the game.

The Strawder catch was set up off an interception and 65-yard return by Allen, who also plays defensive back.

But after North Chicago's first score, the Cougars (0-6, 0-2) seemed to settle down.

With just under three minutes to go in the first half and the score still at 7-0, the Cougars recovered a Warhawks fumble at the North Chicago 13-yard line.

Three plays later, the Cougars found themselves in a fourth-and-one situation five yards away from the end zone.

Senior running back James Bedolla got the ball in the backfield and was nailed immediately by the North Chicago defense, resulting in a turnover on downs.

Warhawks head coach Mike Grenda said his defensive unit has been the key to the team's success recently.

"The defense the last two games, I tell you what, they've been saving us," Grenda said.

That gave the Warhawks the ball back with 1:32 remaining before halftime and they used it to their advantage.

Four plays into the drive, junior running back Justin Hooper took off from North Chicago's own 19-yard line and zig-zagged through the Cougar defense all the way up to the Vernon Hills 10.

Two plays after Hooper's 71-yard scamper, Allen ran the ball into the end zone from three-yards out to make the score 14-0 heading into halftime.

The Warhawk's big-play capability came through again on the opening drive of the second half, when Allen took off for an 85-yard touchdown run to put the game out of reach at 21-0.

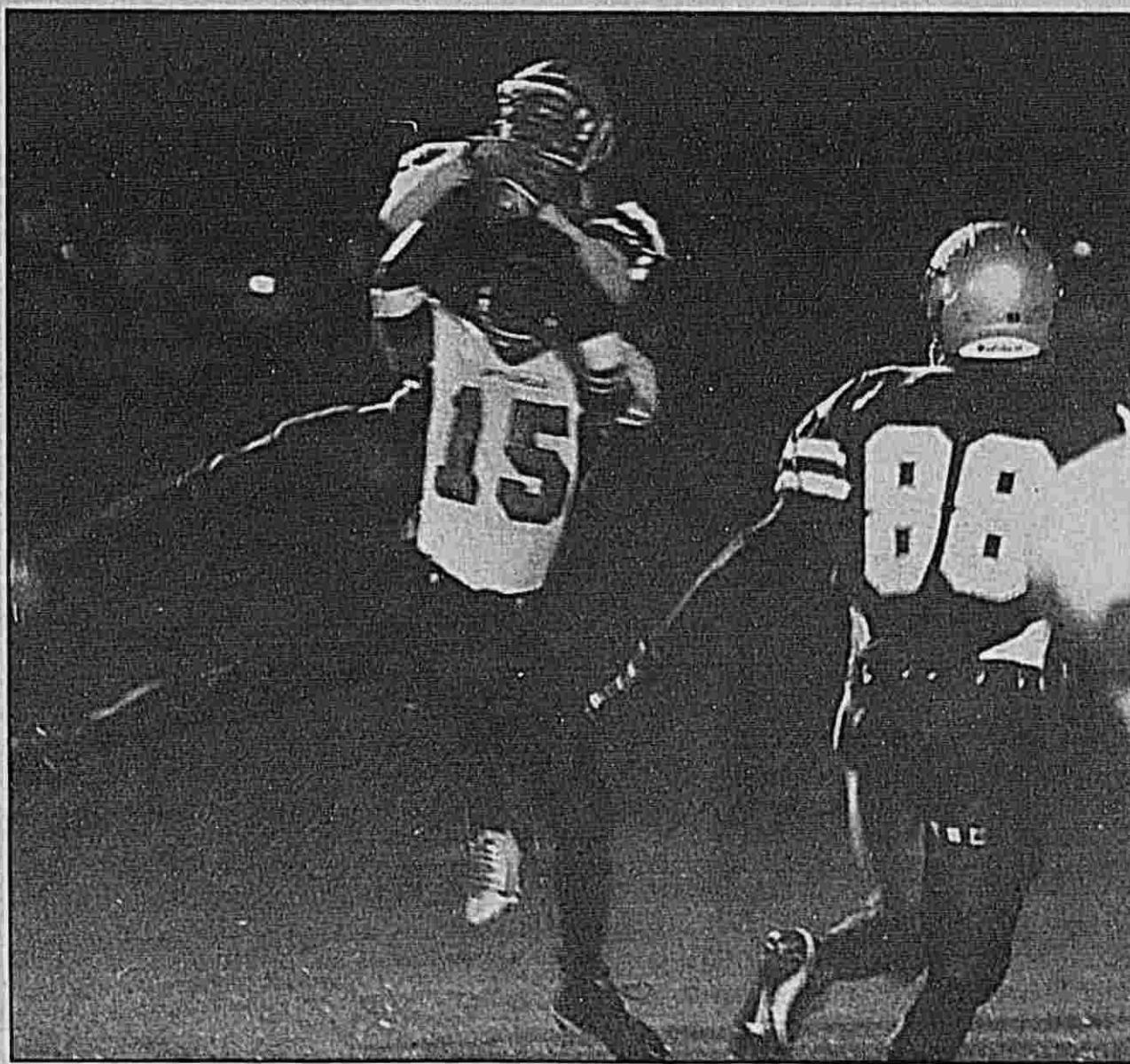


Photo by John Dickson

Vernon Hills senior Brian Webber Intercepts a pass at the goal line from North Chicago Community High School's Kevin Strawder, a junior, preventing a touchdown.

Monken said the turnover on downs at the end of the first half was what led to the Cougars undoing.

"I thought for the most part we executed our game plan very well," he said. "But the turning point in the game was us not getting that fourth-and-one and then they got two big plays, at the end of the half and the big play at the beginning of the second half."

The Cougars finally got a touchdown of their own in the fourth quarter when Bedolla ran the ball in from the two-yard line for the final score of the game.

Monken said there were plenty of positives to take from the game, but added those positives were often negated by costly mistakes.

"We're still doing the old 2 step forward one step backward thing and our mistakes in allowing the big plays killed us," he said.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The girls volleyball team may not have won the Lake Forest Invitational Oct. 2 but, in a season of ups and downs, head coach Kathleen Rizzo said she was impressed with the Cougars second place finish.

"We really played a good tournament taking second place," she said. "All the girls contributed today."

Junior outside hitters Erin Gallagher (35 kills, 29 digs, four aces, six blocks) and Anika Niemczewska (22 kills, five aces, 45 assists, nine blocks) both took all tournament honors at the eight-team invite.

It was not an easy road to the championship match.

Vernon Hills defeated Glenbrook South (28-26, 25-17), Carmel (23-25, 26-24, 15-12) and Hoffman Estates (25-20, 28-26) in pool play before beating Deerfield 19-25, 25-13, 25-15 in the semifinals.

In the championship match the Cougars (16-13, 2-2) took on the host team, Lake Forest, and went to the wire before losing 25-11, 18-25, 25-15.

BOYS GOLF

The boys golf team had a strong showing October 2 against Lake Zurich at White Run Golf Club.

The Cougars notched a 317 on their home course, winning the match by eight strokes.

Mike Capasso led Vernon Hills with a 75 taking the event's first-place medal. He was followed closely by teammates Mike Mazza, who earned second-place with a score of 77 and Bob Grody, whose 70 was good for fourth place.

PREPROFILES



Vince DeFrancesco

A lot of high school students come home from a rough day at school and want to unwind by watching a little TV.

Vernon Hills' junior running back/linebacker Vince DeFrancesco does the same thing. But for him it's not a leisure activity; it's homework.

"I have films at home and I watch it every night from last year when I played varsity," he said.

DeFrancesco started at inside linebacker last year as a sophomore, and his dad taped every game. The tapes serve as a refresher course for upcoming opponents while reminding DeFrancesco of what he has been doing well and what he needs to improve.

His dedication to the games is also evident in the weight room, where he works out every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to improve his size and speed.

At five-feet, ten inches, he said he realizes he has to substitute strength for stature so lifting is a vital part of his weekly routine.

And he doesn't want to be in there alone, so he has taken it upon himself to make sure the rest of the team is working out as hard as he is.

That leadership was not lost on head coach Tony Monken, who named DeFrancesco a captain at the beginning of the season.

Monken said "He's the leader in the weight room for us and a leader on the field. He works his tail off and it shows in his performance. He is as hard a worker as we have. It's rare that you have a junior that's a captain."

DeFrancesco is actually the first junior to receive the honor in Vernon Hills five-year-old football program.

"I try to be a leader in the weight room and on the field as much as I can," he said. "I'm trying to be a leader and get everyone going, keep everyone up when they're down." -By Matt Pera

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"The D did a hell of a job. Everyone worked hard in practice and we were ready to play."

Joey Baruffi
Warren senior
Defensive lineman

Quote Me



Moore paves the way in Devils' win

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

During the first series of Warren's homecoming match-up against Antioch the Devils struggled to move the ball.

Just six plays into the opening drive, Warren was forced to punt, and the thousands of fans in the stands at the O'Plaine campus had one question on their minds. Where was Mitchell Moore?

After forcing the Sequoits into a punt on the ensuing drive, everyone got an answer to that question. Moore carried the ball nine times for 59 yards as the Devils marched 80 yards down the field, culminating with a 1-yard plunge by Quintin Scott (12 carries, 58 yards) to give the Devils a 7-0 lead.

And Moore wasn't near done. He would run in three scores in the contest, on runs of 64, 35 and 83 yards, finishing with 282 yards on 20 carries as the Devils trounced Antioch 33-10.

Despite out-dueling Lake County's leading rusher for the second straight week, Moore remained humble after the contest.

"The offensive line created some great holes today," Moore said. "The key is just not getting touched until the second level, then I speed up. Me and 'Q' (Quintin Scott) are both able to make people miss."

With the Sequoits loading up the line attempting to stop the run, Warren switched gears on its next drive. QB Garren Zerfass (8-for-10, 110 yards) connected on a pair of passes to Marcus Lewis, including a 13-yard TD pass that gave the Devils a 14-0 lead with 6:22 left in the first half.

"We were joking around with Marcus," Moore said of Lewis, who had six catches for 108 yards. "We told him he had to have a big game and he did."

The fact that Warren was able to pass effectively was a major key in the victory, according to head coach Dave Mohapp.

"We work on our throw game all the time, but we haven't been able to use it much," Mohapp said. "We knew we would have to throw the ball against Antioch and Marcus did a nice job."

Another key to victory was the outstanding play of the emerging Warren defense. Last week, the Devils held Mundelein's Jake Gaebler, the county's leading rusher at the time, to well below his season average.

This week the D did even better, holding Antioch's Nick Nathan, who came in with 1,128 yards rushing, to just 26 yards on 10 carries. The Sequoits gained just 131 yards on 40 carries in the contest, and finished with just 200 yards of total offense.

"The D did a hell of a job," said senior Joey Baruffi, who had a pair of sacks in the game. "Everyone worked hard in practice and we were ready to play. We did a great job of stuffing the line."

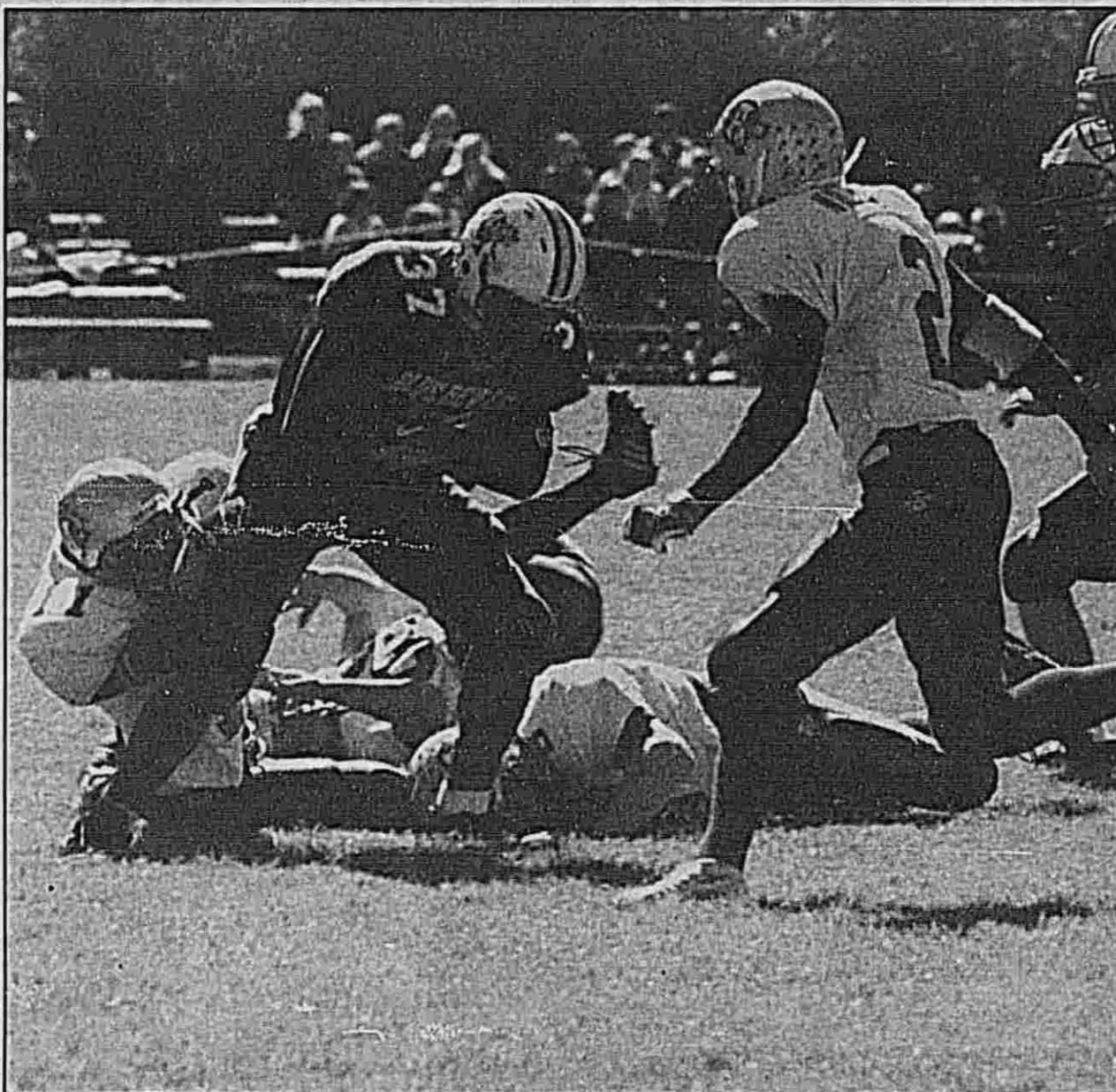


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Warren's Township High School's Marvin Bembry attempts to break away from the pile in a 33-10 Homecoming win over Antioch.

"The defense played really well today," Mohapp added. "The kids spent a lot of time getting ready and we had good players that were able to execute our game plan, which was to stop their inside rushing game."

The win improved Warren's record to 5-1 and 2-0 in the NSC Lake division, and left the players pumped after the game.

"It was a humongous win," Baruffi said.

Despite Warren's record, the team still feels it has something to prove.

"It was just like last week (against Mundelein)," Moore said. "We had a chip on our shoulder."

The Devils will attempt to knock off that chip when they host unbeaten Libertyville (6-0, 2-0 Lake) Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

While both Warren and Libertyville knew that last Friday's match-up had large implications, as it may help decide the NSC Lake division champion, neither team could have known just how important the match turned out to be.

With Libertyville prevailing over the Devils 25-21, 25-23, the Cats ended up drawing the

No. 3 seed for the upcoming Warren sectional. The Devils ended up with the No. 4 seed.

Alex Leach led the Devils with 7-for-7 hitting and six kills and a game-high seven blocks, while Marcia Polquin chipped in with 12 assists. Unfortunately it was not enough for Warren (19-4, 2-1 NSC Lake).

"We let a lot of balls go by us and we weren't playing back on defense," Warren coach Julie Filippo said. "The emotion just wasn't there. We never got our offense."

Fortunately, Warren is still alive for the division title as Stevenson fell to Antioch last Friday. That created a logjam at 2-1 atop the Lake division.

GIRLS TENNIS

Warren got a huge 3-2 win over Stevenson on Monday. Karina Kocemba defeated Stevenson's Ayaka Matsui 6-4, 6-1 at No. 1 singles, while Mary Gouris topped Alexis Kerigan 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2 singles. The Devils' No. 1 doubles team of Amy Bostrom and Mallory Strakewell fell 6-2, 6-0 and the No. 2 tandem of Kim Cholewa and Erica Kuchler lost 6-2, 6-4. But the No. 3 duo of Liz Duncan and Klaudia Siczek won 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (10-4).

PREP PROFILES



Alex Leach

In an era where players who talk get the most publicity, Warren senior middle hitter Alex Leach chooses to go the other way.

"I just let my game do the talking," Leach said.

Even though she's usually silent on the floor, her presence is strong nonetheless.

In a match last Friday against Libertyville, Leach was a dominant force at the net, putting away six kills while racking up another six blocks in a loss to the Cats.

"That's her game," Warren coach Julie Filippo said. "She plays the net and she's a strong force. She follows the ball; if the set is there she puts it away."

While her kills usually wow the home crowd, as they did last Friday, she takes more satisfaction from blocks of the opposition.

"Blocks are a lot more difficult than kills," Leach said. "For me hitting is easier. For blocking you have to anticipate, so it gets me a lot more pumped up because it's more challenging."

Her skill on the floor is more impressive when you consider that she really hasn't been playing volleyball that long.

"I'm one of the least experienced players on the team," Leach said. "I've only been playing volleyball for a few years. Plus I don't play any club ball in the offseason."

Even though the basketball season is just over a month away, Leach is still focused on the task at hand.

"We have the talent and the skill to go far in the postseason," said Leach, whose team currently sports a 19-4 record. "We're hosting sectionals so we definitely want to make it that far. When we find the right lineup we can go to the next level and kick some butt." -By Rob Backus

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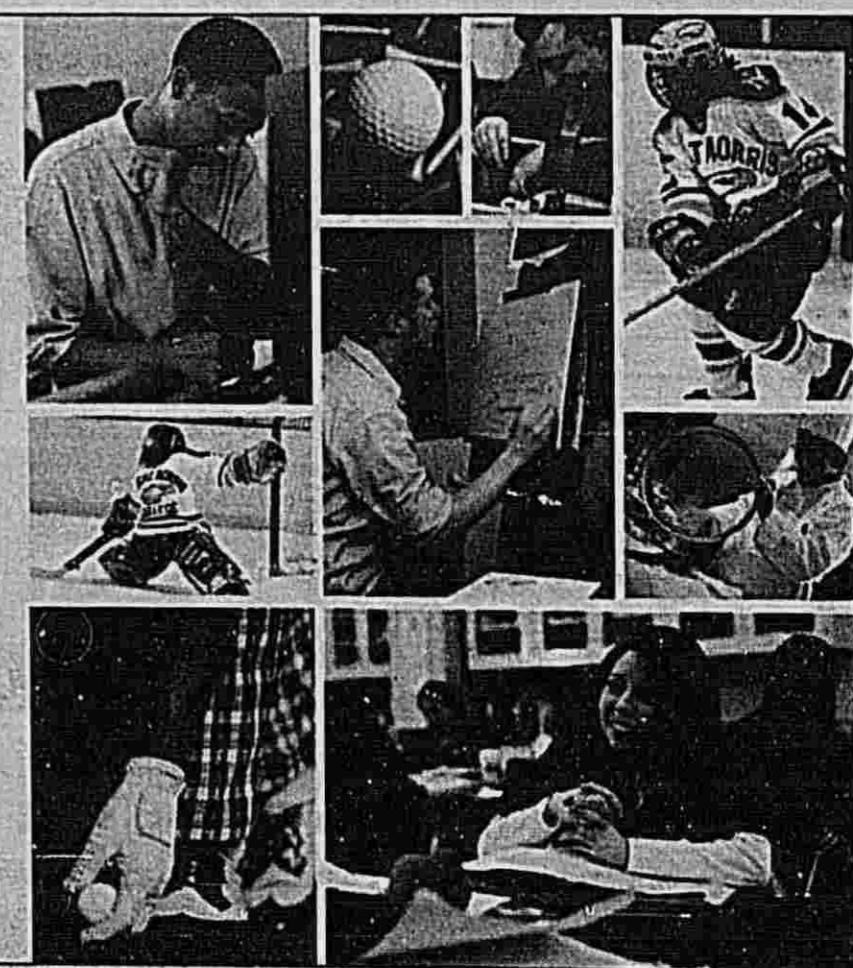
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"We played well in the second half, but it was one half too late."

Glen Kozlowski
Wauconda football coach



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Bulldogs fall to Zion-Benton

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Comparing last year's homecoming score with this year's and one can tell Wauconda High School is making strides in football.

Last year's 57-3 loss to Zion-Benton was put away with a 28-7 loss on Saturday. Coach Glen Kozlowski said he especially liked the way his team played in the second half, a 7-7 tie.

Zion-Benton, though, celebrated its first win of the season, the same position Wauconda was in last week.

It is another homecoming challenge for Wauconda (1-3, 1-5) Oct. 9 as WHS tries to spoil Grant's festivities. Grant is 2-0 Prairie Division, 2-4 overall. Wauconda's defense must try and cope with the passing game, led by Grant QB Eric Lostroscio (more than 700 yards) and running back Eric Horvath. The contest will feature two top area passers, Baker and Lostroscio.

"We worked hard to stop No. 1 (Jay Grooms) and Kris Gerke is not bad either. We wanted to stop their run and force them to pass and we did. The biggest thing is next week, we will be able to prepare off a win," Zion coach Gary Bereiter said.

Jerry Johnson was the thorn in Wauconda's side, the bigger show than WHS's "Biggest Show on Earth" theme.

Alex Rodriguez started the scoring with a 9-yard TD run after a long 80-yard drive. Rodriguez scored again, from 30 yards out, and a 35-yard TD pass gave Zion a 21-0 half-time lead. Johnson scored on a 7-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Zion had almost 300 yards rushing while Wauconda was limited to less than 50, 157 total yards. QB Andrew Baker was 6-20 with one interception. A 24-yard pass to Grooms set up Wauconda's lone TD, a 5-yard run by junior running back Bill Cheng.

Wauconda's defense did have its moments, especially in the second half. B.J. Nedli snared a fumble recovery. Lineman Dave Vasicek won a jump-ball situation for an interception.

"We played well in the second half, but it was one half too late. Our concept is always team defense. We do not focus on any one player. If we have trust in one another, we all do our jobs well, then it will work out. Vasicek was able to read the play, stay home, and he had a defensive lineman's dream, an interception," Kozlowski said.

Nedli, Joe Raupp and others played well on defense, Kozlowski said.

"Give Zion-Benton credit. They came in and they were hungry for a W," Kozlowski said.

CROSS COUNTRY

Wauconda High girls cross country team is the champions of the NSC Prairie Division.

The Bulldogs claimed that title with an 18-

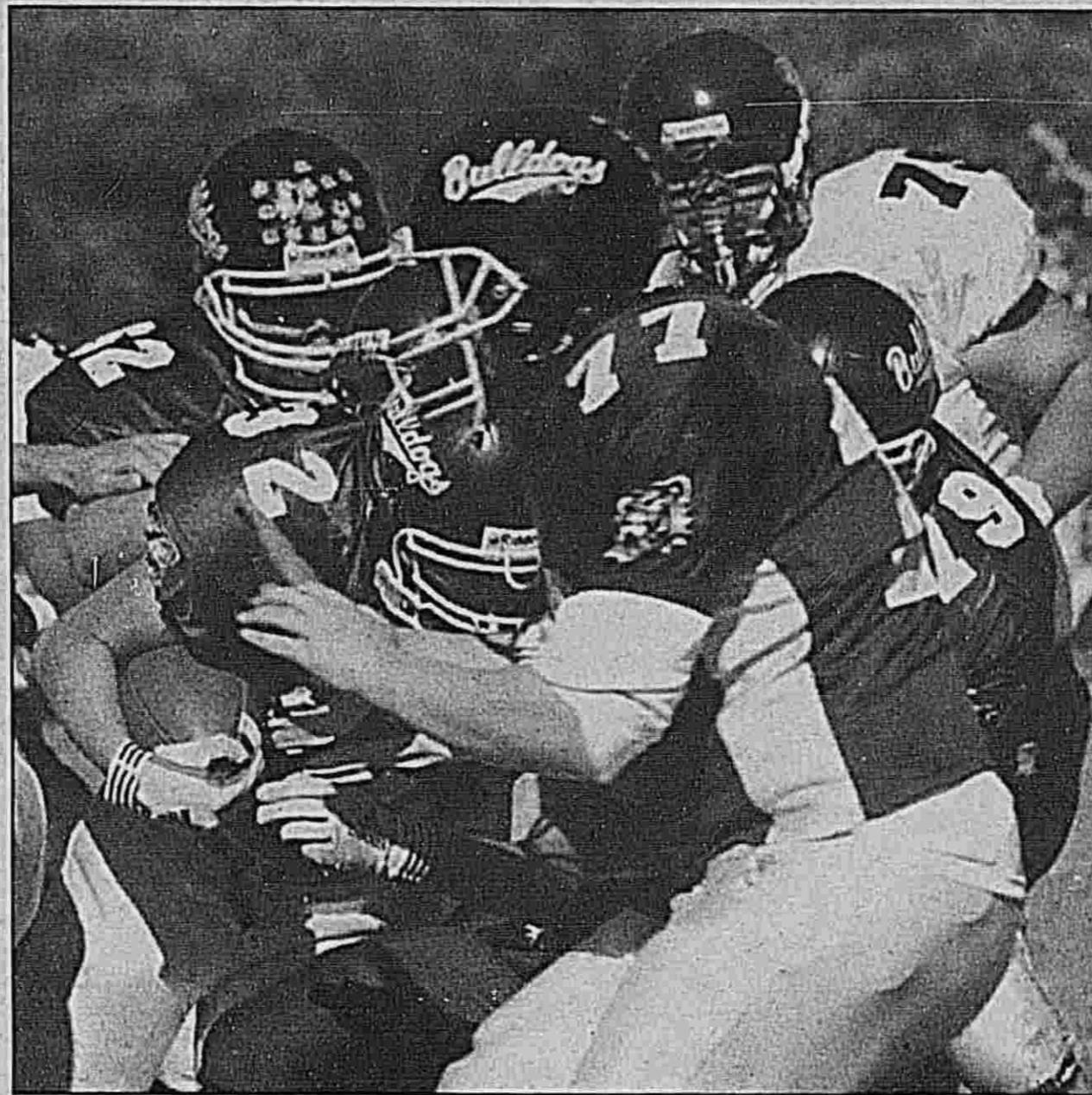


Photo by Candace H. Johnson

Wauconda High School running back Bill Cheng is surrounded during the Bulldogs' Homecoming game loss to Zion-Benton.

41 win over Vernon Hills at WHS's Cooks Park course.

"Winning the division is our No. 1 goal. We have surprised ourselves at how good we are at each invitational," said WHS coach Al Willhoit.

Katie Ellis won the individual title with an 18:34, a record for the course located across the street from WHS. Danielle Conner was runner-up in 19:33 with Tina Pisula of Vernon Hills third in 19:47. Shannon Kimes was fourth for Wauconda in 20:21, followed by Samantha Pancamo next at 20:42, Kiresten Kraus sixth in 20:44 and Annette Hansen seventh with a 21:18.

The girls are 9-1 in duals, losing only to Lake Forest, and have multiple invitational titles.

Wauconda is at the relay-scoring Harvard meet Oct. 9.

The boys team finished second for the fourth straight year in the Prairie, with a 26-29 win over Vernon Hills.

Ben Witte was second overall in 17:08 to Wes Sheldon of Vernon Hills. Marc Anders was second for WHS in 18:10. Willhoit said Anders

had an excellent season, giving the Bulldogs depth as a freshman.

Brendan Colson was fifth in 18:36, followed by Ryan Sollenberger in 19.0 and Kyle Knee in 19:01. Jim Dopita rounded out the WHS scores in 20:02.

Willhoit pointed out finishing second in four straight years is a good achievement, going 16-4 in that stretch.

Both boys and girls teams are at the "Pumpkin Invite" hosted by Johnsburg Oct. 12. The NSC meet is at Wauconda's Lakewood Forest Preserve course Oct. 16, followed by regionals the following week.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Grant posted a 2-0 win over Wauconda in North Suburban Conference Prairie Division volleyball action.

The win gave Grant a 16-7 overall record. Grant prevailed 25-17, 25-14.

Jenna Howard, a sophomore, had 11 assists and 3 kills for Wauconda. Maggie Iverson was 20-23 with 8 kills and Jessica Middlesworth was 7 of 7. Middlesworth had a trio of aces on 6 of 7 in serving.

PREP PROFILES



Courtney Mikelski

Courtney Mikelski may be months before she leaves home for college in Kentucky, but she already knows that she is a little homesick.

A desire to provide a specialty skill in equine therapy, the care of horses led the Wauconda High School singles player to choose Midway Kentucky College. She also hopes to keep up her other interest, tennis, there. She may work with the likes of thoroughbreds Smarty Jones.

"It is tough at No. 1 singles, but you just keep going, just look at the strategy," Mikelski said.

Mikelski is involved at the Varsity Club, National Honor Society at WHS. Her mom, Diane, is the district's transportation director.

Mikelski and her older sister, Melissa, took up tennis at the same time, but Courtney soon showed the talent for the outdoors court, while taller Melissa favored hoops.

"She hustles everywhere on the court. She does not give up," said WHS coach Megan Walsh of Courtney's tennis skills. Mikelski won the No. 1 singles title at the Johnsburg tournament and was a key factor in Wauconda's share of the NSC Prairie Division with a 4-1 mark.

Mikelski, 6-4 overall record, battled Johnsburg's sensational sophomore, Fleur Langer. Langer won 6-2, 6-1.

Walsh is pleased with the overall effort heading into the Oct. 7-9 NSC meet at Warren.

"Things are jelling together pretty well," Walsh said. "They are all working hard and fighting as a team."

Junior Danielle Cunningham is at No. 2 singles and has been progressing well.

Wauconda secured its share of the NSC Prairie Division with a 5-0 win over North Chicago. -By Steve Peterson

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"He was on fire... There was not much that was going to stop him." (on Jesus Lopez's four-goal game versus Maine East)

Mike Berrie
Waukegan Soccer Coach



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Turnovers, penalties cost Bulldogs

By Nicholas Alajakis

Sports Reporter

Headed into half time of last weekend's game against Niles West, Waukegan held onto an 8-6 lead. Their offense was clicking and minus a 45-yard touchdown pass to close out the half, their defense was doing well too.

Then came the second half, where turnovers, penalties and other mistakes "killed" the Bulldogs (2-4) and allowed Niles West (5-1) to score 29 straight points on route to a 35-6 victory.

"The score is very deceiving," said Waukegan coach John Neff. "We played pretty good in the first (half). I thought it was evenly played."

Waukegan was first to get on the board midway through the second quarter when quarterback Corey Smith hit Demetrius Butler with a 58-yard pass. Dexter Landry caught a pass for the two-point conversion.

Following stints at quarterback and half-back, it was Landry's first game of the season at tight end, a position he started at last season. On the day he had 7 catches for 118 yards.

On the Wolves ensuing possession a Carlos Martin sack seemed to have Waukegan in good position, but facing a third and long, Niles West halfback Jake Cusack caught a 45 yard pass to cut the lead to 8-6. Cusack was filling in for Rashard Mendenhall, a speedy back, widely considered one of the best in the nation, who was injured in team's previous game.

Niles West's first play of the second half proved to be an omen was what was to come, as Cusack took a handoff up the middle for 78 yards and a touchdown. On his very next carry, following a Waukegan interception, he raced 30 yards for another touchdown and a 20-8 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter Waukegan struggles deep in their own territory and Niles West capitalized for another quick score. Niles West's first three carries of the second half went for 126 yards and three touchdowns, Neff said. The following 23 went for only 44 yards.

Following the game Neff said he was disappointed with his team's play. Penalties, sacks and turnovers all led to easy scores. But once we reviewed the film, he realized the game was decided by only a few plays.

"If you look at the stats and the game and then look at the score, things don't add up," Neff said. "There's no question it's an example of how quickly a team can score."

Neff said he was happy with the way some players performed. Junior running back Patrick Dunn, in his first game in the backfield rushed for 85 yards on 20 carries. Joe Labus rushed for 84 yards on seven carries. And quarterback Corey Smith won 11 for 20 for 244 yards.

The loss all but eliminates the Bulldogs from playoff contention. To be considered they must run the table in their next three

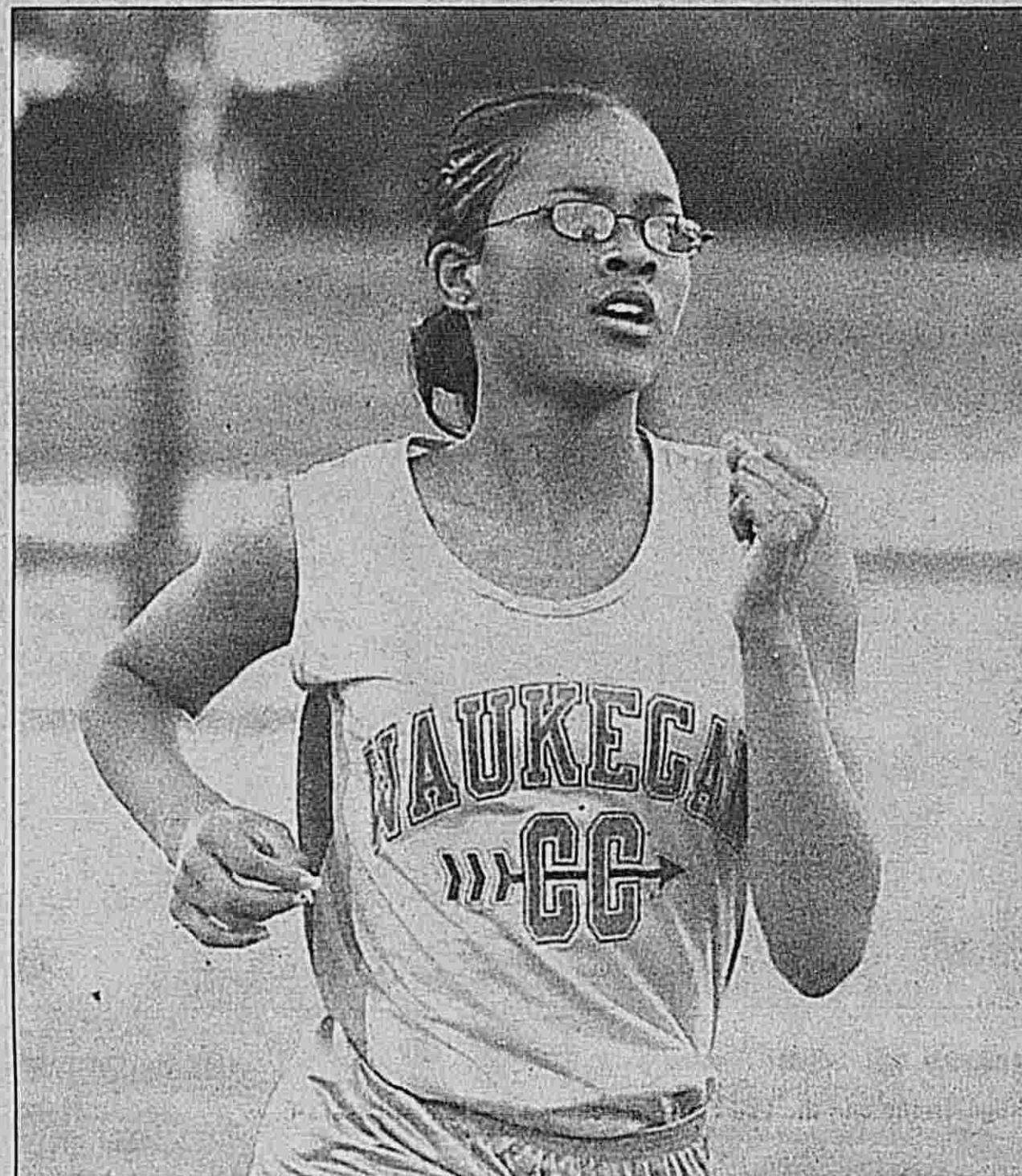


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Waukegan High School's Candice Magee is the first of the Bulldogs to finish during a meet at Belvidere Park against Evanston.

games, including one against state power Maine South.

This weekend they play Evanston at Weiss Field.

CROSS COUNTRY

Both the boy's and girl's team suffered a loss to Evanston this week during a conference dual meet. Waukegan boys were defeated 15-50, with Josh Cantrell bringing in the best time at 18:14. The girls were defeated 15-49. Candace Magee covered the three-mile course in 21:53 for the Bulldog girls.

BOYS SOCCER

Playing four games in six days, Jesus Lopez scored nine goals for the Bulldogs as the team went 3-1.

On Sept. 30 Waukegan defeated Maine South 5-0. Lopez scored four goals in that game and Jon Flores added one.

"He was on fire that night," coach Mike

Berrie said. "You had to watch him play. There was not much that was going to stop him."

Two days later against Lake Forest Waukegan was shut out 1-0. They followed that with a 5-0 win over Zion where Lopez scored three more goals. Jonathan Hernandez and Guillermo Lopez each added a goal.

On Tuesday against a tough Maine South team Waukegan pulled out a 3-1 victory with Jesus Lopez scoring another two goals and Manuel Lopez adding the third.

The scoring spree gives Jesus Lopez 17 goals on the season.

"I guess I'm putting more effort," Lopez said, after the victory over Maine South.

GIRLS TENNIS

Waukegan was swept 0-7 by New Trier on Oct. 4. The loss was only the fourth this season and the second in conference for No. 1 doubles team Katie Colver and Grace Ramos.

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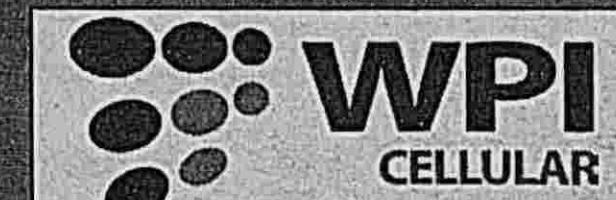


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Waukegan home. Full house
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basement laundry. Must be
stable, responsible adult. No
smoking. (1) \$120/wk, (1)
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for RENT - 1Bdr, util's
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CHEVY 1992 CAVALIER, 4-dr, 82,000 miles, runs and drives great, \$1,400/best. (847)406-9817.

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CHRYSLER '01 SEBRING Conv. LXI, lthr, loaded, low miles! #2408N \$13,900. (866)675-4444.

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CHRYSLER '98 TOWN & COUNTRY \$8980. (888)497-8811.

CHRYSLER '99 CONCORDE \$6980. (888)497-8811.

DODGE '02 STRATUS, SAPPHIRE BLUE, 1 OWNER, LOADED. #2490N \$6,950. (866) 675-4444.

DODGE '03 INTREPID MOONROOF, LOADED, 29K, BLUE, LIKE NEW. #2473. \$12,950. (866) 675-4444.

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DODGE '92 SPIRIT, sil, 4-dr, runs good, #3300581, \$1595. (847)548-5962.

EAGLE 1994 TALAN ES, Red, 2-dr, grey interior, auto, A/C, am/fm & cassette. Under 100,000 miles. Clean & well kept. \$2000/obo. Call Jennie @ (847)322-6886 or (847)223-1284.

EAGLE '93 VISION, gm, loaded, sunroof, #240318B \$1495, (847)548-5962.

FORD '01 TAURUS \$7980. (888)497-8811.

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FORD 1991 TAURUS - 146,000 miles, recent trans, garage kept, runs great, \$1200. (847)361-0690.

FORD 1997 TAURUS GL, immaculate shape, A/C, new tires, \$3,400/best. (847)245-4866.

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HONDA 2002 ACCORD EX, 6-cyl, leather, alloy wheels, electric everything. Excellent condition. \$15,000. Call Jeff at (847) 785-0406.

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HONDA '95 ACCORD, \$4980. (888)497-8811.

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PONTIAC '97 GRAND AM - Blk, 2-dr, auto #130705A \$2995. (847)548-5962.

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PONTIAC '02 SUNFIRE SE, 59K, Silver, Sunroof, Auto & More! #2563N, \$9950. (866)675-4444.

PONTIAC '03 SUNFIRE \$8980. (888)497-8811.

PONTIAC '03 SUNFIRE GM Certified, \$8980. (888)497-8811.

PONTIAC '04 GRAND AM GM Certified! \$11,980. (888)497-8811.

PONTIAC 2000 GRAND AM GT, fully loaded, moonroof, CD player, 63,000 miles, A/C, keyless entry, excellent condition, \$10,000/best. (847) 845-8027.

PONTIAC 2000 GRAND PRIX (green) CD player, A/C, 50,000 miles. \$6500. (815)578-1023.

PONTIAC '95 GRAND PRIX \$3980. (888)497-8811.

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814 Service & Parts

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824 Vans

CHEVY '01 ASTRO VAN \$8980. (888)497-8811.

CHRYSLER '98 TOWN & COUNTRY \$8980. (888)497-8811.

DODGE '03 CONVERSION VAN, WHITE, 12K, #2486N, \$15,950. (866) 675-4444.

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PLYMOUTH '97 VOYAGER, WHITE, 79K#2410N, \$5,950. (866) 675-4444.

828 Sport Utility Vehicles

1990 GMC 3/4 TON BLACK SLE SUBURBAN 454, auto., 2WD, very good int., gray, 107K, runs good, some rust, \$2,900/best. Call John (847)838-4617.

CHEVY '99 SUBURBAN 4x4 low miles, loaded, 81K #140748A (847)548-5962.

GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO - 1996, power windows, power locks, 4WD, A/C, cruise control, 94,000mi, 6cyl, exc. cond., very clean. \$6300/obo. After 5pm (847)838-1296.

GREAT DEAL! 1999 Jimmy SLT, loaded, leather, sunroof, tow package, immaculate, \$6,500. (847)471-0150.

JEEP '04 LIBERTY Sport 4x4, auto, loaded, 14K Black #2419 \$17,900. (866)675-4444.

JEEP '95 WRANGLER, \$5980. (888)497-8811.

SUZUKI '01 VITARA 4X4 AUTO, LOADED, 1-OWNER, GRN #2437N \$7950. (866)675-4444.

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SUZUKI '90 SIDEKICK, convertible, 4x4, auto, #240973C \$1995. (847)548-5962.

834 Trucks/Trailers

1990 GMC GRAIN TRUCK, dual lift cylinders, 12'x8' box. Runs great, good hydraulics, \$2,000. (262) 914-4232.

21' TRI AXLE EQUIPMENT TRAILER, Pintle hook, dove tail, great for backhoe or dozer, 16,000#, \$700. (262) 914-4232.

CHEVY 1990 3/4 Ton Pickup, 4WD, 5.7L., V8, new engine, w/cap. \$3500/obo. (847)973-1610.

CHEVY '89 1500 w/cap Tan auto. #240819A \$2795. (847)548-5962.

DODGE '02 1500 Quad, 5.9, 4x4, 20" Wheels, Blk/Silver, Tube Steps! #2546N, \$21,950. (866) 675-4444.

DODGE '03 DAKOTA QUAD CAB SXT 4x4, 17K, BLUE, #2504N \$19,950. (866) 675-4444.

DODGE '03 DAKOTA QUAD CAB SXT 4x4, 17K, BLUE, #2504N \$19,950. (866) 675-4444.

FORD 2002 F-150 XLT 4-dr, Super Crew, 4WD, bedliner, new tires, 34,900 mi., 5.4L 8-cyl., \$19,900/best. (847)363-6444.

FORD '86 F-250 PU, yellow, treat work truck, #221532A, \$1900. (847)548-5962.

FORD '99 F-150 XLT, crew cab conv., wht, loaded #2403N \$11,900. (866)675-4444.

FORD '99 F-150 XLT, crew cab conv., wht, loaded #2403N \$11,900. (866)675-4444.

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844 Motorcycles

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900 Legals

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PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

Modizo Records

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Producing of music, and record sales

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS- ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

740 Broadway, Apt. 7, North Chicago, IL, 60064, P.O. Box

1202, North Chicago, IL,

60064, (847)355-0329.

NAME(S) AND POST

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS

Mozell Williams Jr., P.O. Box

1202, North Chicago, IL,

60064, (847)355-0329.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Mozell Williams Jr.

Sept. 27, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 27th day of September 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ Roger W. Verne

Notary Public

Received: Sep. 27, 2004

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

1001A-6809-GP

October 1, 8, 15, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

1-Stitch at a time Embroidery

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Embroidery Business

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS- ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

1350 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, IL, 60061,

(847)968-4882.

NAME(S) AND POST

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS

Judy Zandrowicz, 1350 N.

Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills, IL, 60061, (847)968-4882.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE)

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Judy Zandrowicz

Sept. 28, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 28th day of September 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ Eleanor A. Petruska

Notary Public

Received: Sep. 28, 2004

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

1001A-6810-MN

October 1, 8, 15, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

Bartlett Consulting

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Financial Agent

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS- ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

825 Tyler Circle, Grayslake, IL, 60030, (847)543-

9278.

NAME(S) AND POST

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS

George H. Bartlett, 825 Tyler

Circle, Grayslake, IL,

60030, (847)543-9278.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LAKE)

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is/are correct as shown.

/s/ George H. Bartlett

Sept. 30, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 30th day of September 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ Roger W. Verne

Notary Public

Received: Sep. 30, 2004

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

1008A-6815-GL

October 8, 15, 22, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

Leon Windows Cleaning

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Windows Cleaning

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS- ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

669 Clover Rd., Wauconda, IL, 60084, (847)452-9138.

NAME(S) AND POST

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS

Jose Antonio Saezco-Velazquez, 669 Clover Rd., Wauconda, IL, 60084, (847) 487-5937.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)**COUNTY OF LAKE)**

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Paula L. Kraska

Sept. 15, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of September 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

Billing Solutions

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Medical Billing Services

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS- ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

74 N. Savannah Pkwy., Round Lake, IL, 60073, (847)740-6301.

NAME(S) AND POST

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS

Paula L. Kraska, 74 N. Savannah Pkwy., Round Lake, IL, 60073, (847)740-6301.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)**COUNTY OF LAKE)**

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Paula L. Kraska

Oct. 15, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of September 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ Susan J. Niles

Notary Public

Received: Sep. 30, 2004

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

1008A-6817-RL

October 8, 15, 22, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

MCM Midwest

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Resaler of chemistry to newspapers & graphic arts dealers

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANS- ACTED IN THIS COUNTY:

142 Hawley St., Grayslake, IL, 60030, (847)323-2225.

P.O. Box 115 Grayslake, IL, 60030.

NAME(S) AND POST

OFFICE OR RESIDENCE

ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR

TRANSACTION BUSINESS

Bradley C. Feldman, 18319

Springwood Ln., Grayslake,

IL, 60030, (847) 543-4804.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)**COUNTY OF LAKE)**

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.

/s/ Jose A. Velazquez

Oct. 4, 2004

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 15th day of October 2004.

OFFICIAL SEAL

/s/ Linda M. Paulson

Notary Public

Received: Oct. 4, 2004

Willard R. Helander

Lake County Clerk

1008B-6816-WL

October 8, 15, 22, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE**ASSUMED BUSINESS****NAME application**

NAME OF BUSINESS:

GCM Midwest

NATURE/PURPOSE:

Resaler of chemistry to newspapers & graphic arts dealers

ADDRESS(ES) WHERE

900

Legals

THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE
FOX LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
LAKE AND McHENRY COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
COP
ORDINANCE NO. 2004/2005-2

COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, 50 ILCS 110/1, et seq., as amended, requires all Illinois municipal corporations to adopt a combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance specifying the objects and purposes of expenditures; and the Illinois Public Library District Act, 75 ILCS 1/6-3/5 and 16-30-85, provides procedures for the passage of a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance and a Tax Levy Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above and other statutes, an ordinance has been prepared in the above form and made available for public inspection at least thirty (30) days prior to the adoption thereof, and a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance has been held prior to final action on herein, and notice of said hearing was published at least thirty (30) days prior to said hearing in a newspaper published within the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Fox Lake Public Library District, Lake and McHenry Counties, Illinois, as follows:

A. FUNDS ANTICIPATED TO BE AVAILABLE:

1. General Fund (pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/40-50)	\$ 790,542.59
A. Fund Balance 7-1-04	809,162.00
B. Property Tax Income	12,000.00
C. Personal Property Replacement Taxes	10,000.00
D. Fines	900.00
E. Fees	24,000.00
F. Per Capita Grant	500.00
G. Discretion	500.00
H. Photocopy Revenue	5,300.00
I. Interest Income (property taxes)	175.00
J. Interest Income (other)	11,578.56
K. Other Income	3,000.00
Total Monies Available for General Fund Purposes:	\$ 1,667,158.15

FUNDS LEVIED IN EXCESS OF LIBRARY TAX RATE:

III. Working Cash Fund (not deemed as a current asset available for library purposes and does not reduce or abate annual tax levy) (pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/3/3-33)	
A. Fund Balance 7-1-04	\$ 58,273.76
B. Interest Income	831.21
Total monies available for Working Cash Fund Purposes (not included in available funds total)	\$ 59,127.04

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B. Interest Income	831.21
Total monies available for Working Cash Fund Purposes (not included in available funds total)	\$ 59,127.04

FUNDS LEVIED IN EXCESS OF LIBRARY TAX RATE:

IV. Building Equipment & Maintenance .02% Fund (pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/3/3-5 to 202)	
A. Fund Balance 7-1-01	25.00
B. Interest Income (property taxes)	5,407.72
C. Interest Income (other)	110,349.02
Total Monies Available for Building Equipment Purposes	\$ 481,057.16

FUNDS LEVIED IN EXCESS OF LIBRARY TAX RATE:

V. Municipal Retirement Fund (pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/21-105 and 5/21-101)	
A. Fund Balance 7-1-04	\$ 26,961.05
B. Property Tax Income	47,168.00
C. Personal Property Replacement Taxes	1,040.00
D. Interest Income (property taxes)	10.00
E. Interest Income (other)	194.24
Total monies available for Municipal Retirement Fund Purposes	\$ 75,377.29

FUNDS LEVIED IN EXCESS OF LIBRARY TAX RATE:

VI. Social Security Fund (pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/7-171)	
A. Fund Balance 7-1-04	\$ 19,274.42
B. Property Tax Income	29,480.00
C. Personal Property Replacement Taxes	560.00
D. Interest Income (property taxes)	7.00
E. Interest Income (other)	282.15
Total monies available for Social Security Fund Purposes	\$ 49,603.77

FUNDS LEVIED IN EXCESS OF LIBRARY TAX RATE:

VII. Liability Insurance, Workers' Compensation, and Unemployment Insurance Fund (pursuant to 50 ILCS 310/9)	
A. Fund Balance 7-1-04	\$ 10,660.77
B. Property Tax Income	5,396.00
C. Interest Income (property taxes)	3.00
D. Interest Income (other)	155.34
E. LMRICC Dividend	0.00
Total monies available for Liability Insurance Fund Purposes	\$ 16,715.11

FUNDS LEVIED IN EXCESS OF LIBRARY TAX RATE:

VIII. Audit Expense Fund (pursuant to 50 ILCS 310/9)	
A. Fund Balance 7-1-04	\$ 2,964.55
B. Property Tax Income	5,396.00
C. Interest Income (property taxes)	0.00
D. Interest Income (other)	47.60
Total monies available for Audit Expense	\$ 8,301.15

TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE - ALL FUNDS

\$ 75,377,392.46

B. ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES BUDGETED & APPROPRIATED:

I. GENERAL FUND, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/40-50

A. Library Books & Related Materials

1. Books - Adult	\$ 100,000.00
2. Books - Juvenile	50,000.00
3. Periodicals	15,000.00
4. Audio-Visual - Adult	40,000.00
5. Audio-Visual - Juvenile	15,000.00
6. Reference Databases	7,000.00
Sub-Total	\$ 227,000.00

B. Salaries

1. Personnel - Professional

2. Personnel - Paraprofessional

3. Personnel - Non professional

4. Personnel - Maintenance

Sub-Total

\$ 111,990.96

\$ 17,990.77

\$ 183,140.67

\$ 6,446.40

\$ 190,387.80

C. Administrative Expense

1. Utilities

2. Office Supplies

3. Library Supplies

4. Publicity

5. Insurance

6. Building Maintenance

7. Postage

8. Telephone

9. Data Line

10. Local Travel

11. Architectural Fees

12. Building Improvements

13. Binders

14. Equipment

15. Automated Circulation/ Bibliographic Systems

16. Automated Cataloging Services

17. Computers

18. Computer Software

19. Computer Consultant Fees

20. Computer Maintenance

21. Internet Access Fees

22. Website Development

23. Network Wiring

24. Programs

25. Photocopies

26. Accounting Services

27. Payroll Processing Services

28. Building Consultant Fees

29. Facility Appraisal Fees

30. Contingencies

Sub-Total

\$ 423,310.00

Total General Fund Expenditures Budgeted and Appropriated:

\$ 1,042,937.80

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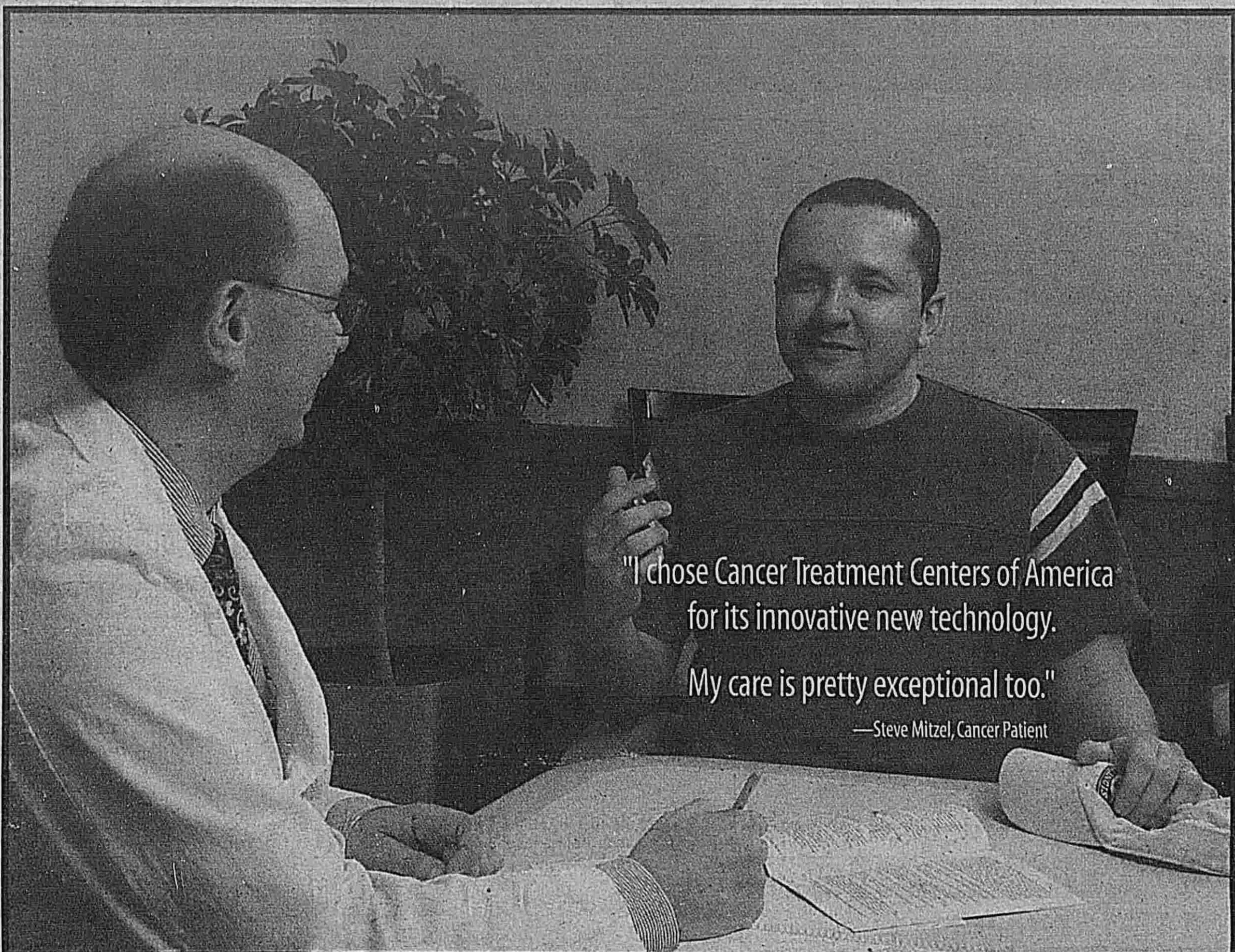
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